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To Keep a True Lent

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Is this a fast, to keep the larder clean
and lean,
From fat of veals and sheep?

Is it to fast an hour, or ragg'd to go
Or show a downcast look and sour?

Is it to quit the dish of flesh, yet still
To fill the platter high with fish?

No, 'tis a fast, to dole the sheaf of wheat
And meat, *unto the hungry soul.*

It is to fast from strife, from old debate
And hate, to circumcise thy life.

To show a heart grief-rent, *to starve thy sin*
Not bin. And *that's* to keep thy Lent.

ROBERT HERRICK.

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SOME FACTS ABOUT AMERICA'S YOUTH

Census and Other Data of Interest Concerning the Next Generation

ONE-Seventh of the population (1920, 15,306,193) are between the ages seven and fourteen years. Ninety per cent. of these were enrolled in schools.

In 1920, 4,931,905 persons over ten years of age could neither read nor write. Of these, 1,242,572 were of native born white parentage; 1,763,740 were of foreign born white parentage, and 1,842,151 were of negro ancestry. The average of illiteracy was 6 per cent.; as classified, the percentages are—native born white, 4-5 of 1 per cent.; foreign parentage, 13.1 per cent.; negro 22.9 per cent.

In 1921-22, 402,036 men and 216,519 women were students in college preparatory schools, college departments, graduate schools, and professional schools. These figures represent youth who have formally undertaken "higher education" in institutions listed with the United States Bureau of Education. In the decade ending 1922, the number of male students doubled and of females the increase was from 78,000 to 168,000.

The "Jazz Movement" and the Appeal of Idealism are found side by side in all classes of youth: in the public schools, in colleges and universities, and in centers of employment. If this decade has some of the worst, it has likewise some of the best types of young people. Between the extremes is the great mass of youth who will be "the next generation of Americans." If "Jazz" by a victory over Idealism wins the middle class to its views, disaster will follow.

The church that disregards the present obligation to understand the currents among young people is either asleep, dead or sinfully negligent of its duty. We do not think our church the last nor the second, but we could not prove that we are as actively awake as is desirable. Reports from those in touch with the rising generation indicate that religion must more potently affect the young, that the young will yield to its influence, and that the victory can be won for Christian Idealism.

N. B.—Battles for truth are not won by mere ejaculations. "Lo here" and "Lo there" do not locate the kingdom of heaven.—The Lutheran.

SAY "HOWDY"!

REV. ROBERT J. WOLF
Secretary for our 'teen-agers

On February 1st, Rev. Robert Wolf, recently of Abilene, Kansas, became full-time Secretary of the Intermediate Department. The picture shows him in camping togs while director of The Lutheran Camp, on the Spring Creek, Kansas. This Kansas Synod Camp has been one of the most successful ventures of its sort in the U. L. C. Anybody knows just looking at his picture that boys will be on his heels wherever he is. And the girls of 'teen age will also find a friend. One term of weeks each year at his camp was given over to the girls.

Mr. Wolf writes in accepting the call of the Executive Committee, "I record an earnest purpose to work hand in hand with you to promote the welfare of our Church's youth." There is sincerity in his face, in his hearty handclasp and in his whole bearing. Let the prayers of the Church sustain him.

His Past

He was baptised, confirmed and inspired to enter the ministry in Memorial Church, Harrisburg, under the pastorate of Dr. L. C. Manges. His educational history is: Harrisburg Academy, 1910, Gettysburg College, 1914, and Gettysburg Seminary, 1917. He was president of the Eastern Student Volunteer Association in 1915, commissioned to India by the Foreign Board, but the war intervened. The Board then tried to send him to British Guiana, but Wolf sounded too much like Wurtemberg and he was not allowed to enter. He served as pastor at Trinity, Berwick, Pa., until our country declared war, when he enlisted as an army chaplain. He was stationed at Camp Meade for the entire period of the war. Following the discharge he spoke for the National Lutheran Council till 1920, when he accepted a call to Greenleaf, Kansas. From here he was called to Trinity, Abilene, Kansas, his last pastorate. Now he is properly introduced to the Luther League family, excepting, for the benefit of the girls, he is happily married and cheerfully admits that his boy and girl are two of the finest and brightest children in America or the world.

Now Use Him

Send in your questions about the 'teen age problem in your Church. Summer Camps, Boys and Girls Club Work, all sorts of plans for Intermediate work in the local congregation, these are his field.!

State and District Leagues should all fall in line and appoint Intermediate Secretaries. Send their names and addresses to Mr. Wolf.

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A COMMON TEMPTATION

All boys and girls like to play games, and, naturally, they like to win. It is impossible, however, for anyone to be on the winning side all of the time. Sooner or later the best players and the best teams are bound to meet their match and to go down to defeat.

There are two ways, however, of meeting defeat. One way, and a way which is more common than it ought to be, is to get peevish when one is beaten, especially if he is beaten again and again. Who has not seen boys and girls become real down in the mouth and grouchy because the other side was winning? Such boys and girls take it as a personal affront when an opponent can outplay them.

But there is another way to take defeat, and that is to meet it with a smile, that is, to congratulate the winner and to say, "You beat me fairly this time, but if you do it again you've got to play harder than ever."

Over the gate of one of the New England athletic fields are these words, "May the best team win." In every game into which boys and girls enter this should be their desire, "May the best player win." It is possible to win on a fluke or mistake, but no one but a chump is satisfied to win that way. The player who has the real sportsmanlike quality in his make-up is the one who wishes his opponent to play his best and desires to win only when he can clearly outplay him. Until he can do that he is willing to lose, but he is just as cheerful and good-natured in defeat as in victory.

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NOT THE MINISTRY ALONE

We urge so constantly "All-time Christian Service" that possibly some youth in business or profession or some worker in office, factory or home may be tempted to despise his job. God calls you to be honestly Christian *where you are.*

A young Canadian physician, carrying on research at the University of Toronto, recently found in insulin a cure for diabetes. The discovery opened before him a possible avenue of wealth that would satisfy the dream of avarice. But no such path was followed. An agreement was made under

which insulin is produced at cost and thus made available for the poorest of sufferers. Whatever modest profit may in time accrue goes to the university to make possible further research. At the hands of Dr. Frederick G. Banting medicine became a Christian calling in a superlative degree.

A young business man in Atlanta and Birmingham, the head of a great concern for the manufacture of cast-iron pipe, a few years ago came to a conviction that modern industry need not be an arena of conflict but could become a sphere for the practical application of the Christian ideal of brotherhood. Gradually he developed a plan of cooperation between capital and labor, which provided for a systematic sharing of profits, joint control of all conditions of work, and a generous representation of the employes on the board of directors of the company. Cooperation became the central principle of the whole organization. When he died, in 1924, he left to the employes all the common stock that he owned in the company. At the hands of John J. Eagan the manufacture of cast-iron pipe became a supremely Christian vocation.

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THE BIRTHRIGHT

I have a birthright straight from heaven,
A birthright in which all men share;
By my own Maker's hand 'twas given,
'Tis sanctified by praise and prayer;
I shall not give that right away
No man shall have my Lord's Day.

All through the week let anvils ring,
And hammers clang and bellows blow;
Let bright sparks fly and sledges swing,
And bar and furnace gleam and glow;
But speak up, blacksmith, boldly and say,
"No man shall have my Lord's Day."

Bend, weary weaver, o'er your loom
All week from dawning's glimmering sky,
And till the twilight gathers gloom
Let treddles tramp and shuttles ply;
But speak up, brother, boldly say,
"You shall not have my Lord's Day."

Let axes flash in forest glades,
While oak and ash and elm tree fall;
Let the slow team toil through the shades,
Obedient to their driver's call;
But speak up, woodman, boldly say,
"You shall not have my Lord's Day."

From mill and factory and mine
Still let this selfsame cry arise;
Claim one day as a holy shrine
In which to commune with the skies;
Speak up, and loudly, boldly, say,
"You shall not have my Lord's Day."

It is our birthright straight from heaven
'Tis sanctified by praise and prayer;
By our great Maker's hand 'twas given,
And trench upon it who shall dare;
We shall not give that right away,
No man shall have our Lord's Day.

—*Anon.*

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THE MAN AND HIS LESSON

Rev. Henry Ward Beecher was perhaps the greatest pulpit orator America has ever produced. He was not only a national but an international figure in his day. As long as he stood in Plymouth Church pulpit crowds thronged to hear him and his Sabbath utterances were sent by wire all over the Union. One feature about Mr. Beecher especially noticeable was his self-reliance. How he learned this he tells himself.

Henry Ward Beecher, says *Unity*, used to tell this story of the way in which his teacher of mathematics taught him the virtue of self-reliance:

"I was sent to the blackboard, and went, uncertain, and whimpering.

"That lesson must be learned," said my teacher, in a very quiet tone, but with terrible intensity. All excuses and explanations he trod under foot with utter scornfulness. "I want that problem. I don't want any reason why you haven't it," he said.

"I did study two hours."

"That's nothing to me. I want that lesson. You need not study it at all, or you may study it ten hours. Suit yourself, but I want that lesson."

It was tough for a green boy, but it seasoned me. In less than a month I had the most intense sense of intellectual independence. One day, however, his cold calm voice fell upon me in the midst of a demonstration—"No!"

I hesitated, and then went back to the beginning, and on reaching the same point again, "No!"—uttered in a tone of conviction—barred my progress. Then, "Next!" was called, and I sat down in red confusion.

He, too, was stopped with "No!" but went right on, finished, and as he sat down was rewarded with "Very Good!"

"Why," I cried, "I recited just as he did, and you said 'No!' "

"Why didn't you say 'yes,' and stick to it? It is not enough to know your lesson. You must know that you know it. You have learned nothing until you are sure. If all the world says 'No,' your business is to say 'Yes,' and prove it."

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Criticism which is overdone passes into praise. Also those who handle the hammer should observe union hours.

Life Service Department

"Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?"

THOUGHTS ENROUTE

As we pen these lines we are enroute to the city of Penn, Muhlenberg and Conwell with the purpose of attending the annual meeting of the Executive Committee of the Luther League of America. While seated on this Baltimore and Ohio train, which is wending its way through the rough and rugged hills of West Virginia we are afforded splendid opportunity of seeing some wonderful specimens of God's out-of-doors, —His own handiwork—and truly here the "heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament showeth His handiwork." These rugged hills not only bring us "Back to nature," but they also present to us some of God's rugged and simple minded yeomen, who are not far removed from the most primitive states of civilization and progress. About the only real "thrill" which life holds in store for them is the privilege of "Standing by" and seeing that the train keeps safely on its journey. Most of these simple folks apply with a sense severely literal, the Biblical mandate "having food and raiment, let us therewith be content." If contentment is their lot they have learned that which the multitude of their city cousins certainly have not learned or have forgotten. If these humble folk have Godliness with their contentment they surely have great gain, and if those who claim for themselves culture, refinement, up-to-dateness have "tralled in" Godliness and contentment, great is their loss.

We are constrained to ask what after all is the *essential* difference between the two groups mentioned or any other groups which might be suggested? In all likelihood likely not very much. We are constrained to believe with that quaint New England "horse-trader," there is as much human nature in some people as there is in others if not more." If we know anything about "human nature," we are strongly inclined to believe that no group has found, perhaps not even sought very seriously, the correct answer to the one vital question, why live?

Until that question has been solved and is answered correctly, no great condemnation nor any great praise dare be heaped upon any one group or class.

While we claim only mediocre wisdom for ourselves, we boldly sally forth to state that all groups may very readily find a practical, correct and final answer to the question. All that is necessary is to locate a certain "dust covered Book" and read within its pages that satisfying answer, God desires to reveal His will to men but He uses no forcible means in doing so.

Below the Snake Line

We are indebted to the late great citizen of Philadelphia, Russel H. Conwell, for the suggestion of the "Snake Line." One of his last sermons, (see "The American Pulpit," Christian Century Press, Chicago, Ill.) was on the prodigal son under the title "Above the Snake Line." The story of the prodigal reminded him of an old tradition concerning the Hampshire highlands of the Berkshire hills of Massachusetts. In one of his letters, William Cullen Bryant mentioned the fact that when these hills were first occupied by settlers they found that down in the valleys were most dangerous serpents; the rattlesnake, poisonous adder and copperhead were to be found there. To escape these serpents, the people built their residences upon the hills. Ancient tradition related that there was a "Snake Line" above which no poisonous snake ever crept. If the people built above the elevation of twelve hundred feet above sea level, no poisonous snake ever bit the children, destroyed property or endangered life. But if people built in the valley they were subject to these deadly dangers. Every person who approached was advised to build his house "above the snake line."

Dr. Conwell after relating this tradition draws some impressive lessons. He indicates that those early, stalwart settlers

built their homes above the snake line, their school houses, their churches and their ideals, and for that reason these people formed such a lasting foundation for the middle and western states to which places they migrated. In contrast to these noble folk he places the prodigal son who went below the snake line and lived among the serpents and poisonous insects of wickedness, that tempted him on every side in Tyre and Sidon. "He went down from that religious, praying home above the snake line, down into the dark valley and was bitten by the serpents there. It was not until the prodigal left the 'hog stye' and this valley of no ideals and went back to his father's house, above the snake line that he approached the fulfillment of the ideals he was intended to fulfill."

The great mass of human kind lives below the snake line, where views are narrow and deceitful, down where they can not "look away up on the white cliffs of God" and realize in their souls the nobility of purpose God has in store for men.

Luther Leaguers, we must get above the snake line if not already there, then help draw fellow-men up to us. That is Life Service.

Send Them In

We are glad for the copies of the various State and District League Official Papers. They indicate that some real work is being done, accomplishments achieved, some real editors being developed and many real Christian Leaders being located. Many of these Bulletins are assuming most business-like dress with a very practical and workable fund of material inside.

We shall appreciate receiving any constructive articles on Life Service so that they may be passed on through these columns "to the other fellow."

Constructive suggestions and criticisms as to what this department should contain will be given courteous consideration.

Why Not?

Have you, Mr. Secretary or Leaguer consulted with your pastor about his Lenten Plans? Perhaps he has planned a community canvass and is sorely in need of helpers. Personal work is one of the first opportunities and calls to Life Service. But right here is where we most often fall down or prove ourselves inefficient. Have you studied, "Personal Evangelism," by C. J. Rockey? Better get it or borrow it from your pastor. At least offer your services to your Church for personal work.

Approaching

Commencement season is also not far distant in the future and these offer unusual opportunities for constructive service. A job that will take but little time would be to make out a complete list of all the members of the Senior Class, giving Church affiliations, indicating whether or no the respective members are planning to enter college, etc., etc. Send copies of these lists to the Presidents of several of the nearest Lutheran Colleges. More of our Lutheran young people need to become acquainted with the fact that our Lutheran Colleges are no "tail enders."

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IS HE RICH?

On his ninety-ninth birthday, a Seattle man gets word that he has just inherited $3,000,000. Is he rich?

Who is rich? Oh, the treasures of just *youth!* To be young, to *feel* young and ready to go out and do or die, this is a seemingly inexhaustible bank account. But like other bank accounts it can be over-drawn. Are you spending your inheritance of health and talents and strength for things that last?

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Mark Twain said that the two most remarkable characters given us by the nineteenth century were Napoleon and Helen Keller.

Think how different they were! Napoleon built roads and he built a system of law and he built other things, but in the main he was a destroyer. He made war and he killed men and he wrecked the peace of nations.

He put away his wife because he wanted a son to continue his imperialism. He fled from Russia to save his skin, leaving his men to die on the road behind him.

He sought to gain the whole world, and he wound up his life on one of its least conspicuous islands. Wherever his work was linked with the beautiful design of God, he was a benefactor; when he served instead the predatory selfishness of the devil he became the most illustrious failure of history.

Helen Keller fought the battle of every soul that seeks the sun. She had a will as strong as Napoleon's will—the will of a conqueror. God said, "Let there be light," and Helen Keller, child of God, said it after Him, and for her own life brought it true. In so doing she has been to many lives a shining inspiration and a towering example.

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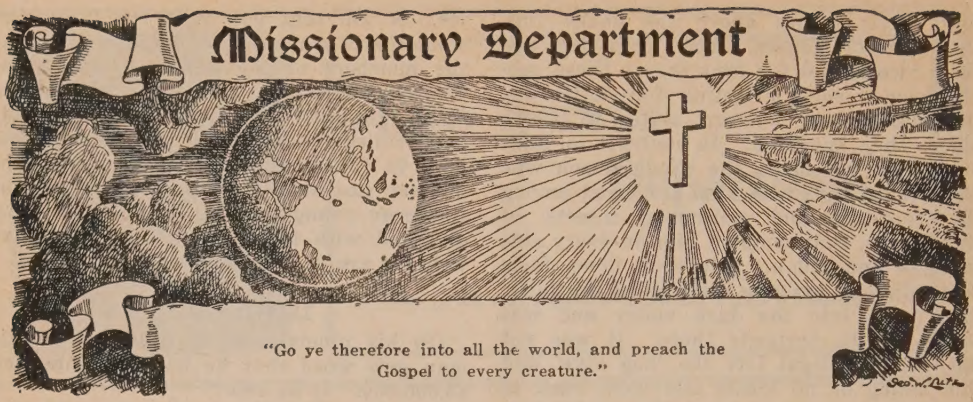
"And only the Master shall praise us, and only the Master shall blame;
And no one shall work for money, and no one shall work for fame;
But each for the joy of the working, and each in his separate star
Shall paint the thing as he sees it, for the God of things as they are."



MIXED PRONOUNS

There is a trite expression which is used in many of our Luther Leagues and in many of our missionary organizations. It is made a cloak to cover our shortcomings. We hide our deficiencies behind it and make it an excuse for unprepared programs and for empty seats.

Our much used and much over-worked expression is this: "They will not do anything." We, who are leaders—we missionary secretaries go on, day after day, and week after week, excusing ourselves by saying, "The members of our League will not do anything." We fail to realize that these same members jump up and down on benches and yell and throw their hats in the air at a ball game. We forget that they who "will not do anything" in the League are enthusiastic members of high school classes or of college fraternities—that they work early and late in order that they may win in a contest. We do not keep in mind the fact that the boys who "will not do anything" enter college and become enthusiastic fraternity members, and that the girls who "will not do anything" enter college and spend hours planning for the success of their clubs and sororities.

Now if we missionary secretaries will think this matter through, we shall know that boys and girls—young men and young women—must be enthusiastic over something. Young people are alike the world over. Get them started, give them cause for enthusiasm and stand off and watch the result. Why shouldn't the missionary program of the Luther League be chosen as the cause for their enthusiasm? Why shouldn't the missionary program be just as interesting, why shouldn't it afford just as much opportunity for self-expression and just as much opportunity for real enjoyment as the Debating Society does? There are no more startling and interesting facts than can be brought out in connection with our programs on Latin America.

In the statement about the members of our Leagues who "will not do anything" we are like the child who gets his pronouns mixed. We have a tendency to speak in the third person rather than in the first. Let us cast aside forever the trite saying "They will not do anything" and substitute in its place the true statement, "*We* will not do anything." Try it on the meeting for April 25—The Women of Latin America.

Splendid opportunity will be offered in this program for impersonations. Do not fail to have the impersonation of The Woman of Cuzco by Mrs. Wiles. The text book tells how marriages are made in Latin America.

Announce the week before the meeting that every member should review Latin American geography. Cut wrapping paper or other paper in a shape which includes the outline of all Latin American countries. (This will be easy to do after the first one is cut.) Distribute these papers and ask the members to fill in the names of twenty Latin American Republics. Announce at the next meeting which paper was the most nearly correct.

After the meeting is over and you go home and think about it and ponder over its success or failure, take your pencil and paper and do some work in grading. Make a grade which represents the success of the program; then grade the following points and note that if you have graded correctly the average of the separate grades will make the one grade for the success of the program.

Personal study of the subject.
Enthusiasm of leader.
Effort to interest others.
Well planned program.
Assignments made in advance.
Music.
Publicity.

Practice. (In order to make 100 per cent. on Success, there should be at least one practice for the program.)

The Social Meeting

"A MAN'S AMUSEMENTS ARE REALLY A SERIOUS PART OF HIS LIFE. IT IS AS ESSENTIAL TO KNOW HOW TO RECREATE ONE'S SELF AS IT IS TO KNOW HOW TO CREATE. WE MUST LEARN TO PLAY."

THE LUTHER LEAGUE DOES NOT HOLD SOCIAL MEETINGS DURING LENT

During that period of the Church Year when our thoughts are directed toward the sufferings and death of our Lord and Saviour, the social activities of the League are naturally discontinued.

The best expression of our love for Him who died for us is in doing for others, and each League during the Lenten season can find some form of social service in which to engage.

The following activities can be carried on in any League during Lent.

1. The Juniors

Pack a box for a home mission station toys, pencils, school supplies, books, Sunday School cards and lesson papers.

Sew on garments to be packed in a foreign mission box, slips, aprons, small dresses.

Dress dolls.

Make scrap books for the children's hospitals, using colored muslin, and pasting in pictures cut from magazines.

Distribute church bulletins to non-attending members.

Visit sick members.

Send Easter cards to children in hospitals.

Make a quilt to be sent to the Orphan Home. Use unbleached muslin, trace pictures of animals, etc., on same, and have children outline same in red or blue.

2. The Intermediates

Arrange a program to be given at the jail, orphan home or hospital.

Buy Easter plants for the sick and shut-ins.

Arrange to give an Easter Party to a group of children.

Arrange for a Lenten self-denial offering from each member, to be brought in at Easter.

3. The Seniors

Buy pansy plants at five cents each for the Junior Leaguers.

Give the picture, "He Is Risen" framed to the Junior League.

Give the Intermediate League a picture framed, "Christ in the Temple."

Pack a box of toys for the Orphan Home.

Make and fill Easter baskets for orphan home or group of poor children.

Arrange to decorate the church with flowers at Easter.

Take Easter plants to the sick.

Arrange an early Easter sunrise service.

Visit one of the settlements regularly and help in one of the classes there.

Take charge of the midweek services.

Arrange a special series of meetings during the Lenten Season for the study of the Passion History.

The Ohio Creed

We believe that Missionary activity will bring its reward to every Luther League that seriously espouses the cause. The so-called "dead" League will be transformed into a live society. As our young people interest themselves in the progress of Christ's Kingdom in heathen lands, they become more alert to opportunities for service at home. As they give to missions, a new spirit takes hold of the heart, and they are compelled through a deepened interest to support more liberally the Church at home. The world-wide vision of Christ's Kingdom obtained through Mission Study is bound to give a fuller understanding of the work at home. A Missionary Program, properly carried out, brings new life and many blessings to the society adopting it. During this year, by the grace of God, we hope to strengthen the Luther Leagues in Ohio and increase their efficiency through an aggressive missionary program.

Wayne O. Kantner.

Methods

Posters Help!

TRY THESE AT YOUR LEAGUE SOME EVENING!

At the close of your meeting, without any other announcement, hold up a poster on which is pasted the advertisement of a well known tire manufacture (found in the magazines), the picture of a sleepy child, standing beside a tire. Print on the card in large letters this caption, "Time to Retire—to the Literature Table."

In the rear of the room have a table on which are copies of the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW, the *Luther League Topics*, and some of our pamphlets on League work. Have several in charge, to take subscriptions to the REVIEW.

Around the table have posters such as these:

One of the ads of Bon Ami, and the caption, "Let's Shine Up Our Society. Plan—Push—Pray. Get Literature Helps."

A picture of an automobile, with the words, "Step On the Gas and Speed Up Our League. Subscribe for the REVIEW."

Pictures of food-stuffs cut from the magazines, and the lettering, "Want Food for Thought? Get the *Luther League Topics*."

A large key drawn on a card with the caption, "The Key to Our Problems. Snappy Programs, Songs, Suggestions and Hints. See the Methods Department in the REVIEW."

"Is our League Dry? Let's Give a Pageant," is the caption on another card on which is pasted a pitcher of water cut from a magazine.

A picture of a radio, with the reading, in large letters—"Station LL Broadcasting —Read the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW. Latest League News, Social Hints, Methods, and Helps for All Departments."

Such a table might profitably be a feature at the district rallies and conventions

ADVERTISE YOUR LEAGUE MEETINGS!

Do you ever advertise your meetings? Put up posters like these at different times in the vestibule—see if it does not create interest and increase attendance:

A large pair of shears drawn on a card—"Cut Out All Other Engagements and Come to Luther League On ———, At ———."

A white clay pipe fastened to sheet of bright colored cardboard—"A Piping Invitation to Come to League on Sunday Evening."

A green card, a row of daisies cut from a roll of crepe paper—"Daisies Won't Tell, so I'll Tell You About the Daisy League Meeting We're to Have Next Wednesday Night."

A row of Dutch girls cut from roll of Dennison's crepe paper, with a string tied to thumb of each—"Tie this Ribbon 'Round Your Thumb, so You Won't Forget to Come —to League on ———, at ———."

A number of bluebirds cut from crepe paper napkin—"Birds of a Feather Flock Together, so Flock to League."

A row of shiny bright yellow tulips from crepe paper—"Tu-Lips are Sufficient to Tell You All You Want to Know About Our League Meeting."

A large diamond solitaire drawn on a card—"Your Engagement Is Announced—for the League meeting on Sunday Evening."

A picture of a drum cut from a magazine —"Drum Up a Crowd for the League Meeting Next Week."

A palmleaf fan fastened to a card—"Be a Regular Fan for Luther League and Come Every Sunday Evening."

Many of the cover pages and illustrations in the advertising columns of the magazines can be utilized:

Two girls standing with backs—"Don't Be Backward—Come to League Next Sunday Evening" or "We Are Looking Forward to Seeing You at League."

A girl's head pasted on a card and then cut out, and the caption on the card from which it was cut out—"Come Fill Your Place at League."

The peacock from the ad of one of the popular toilet goods manufacturers—"Be As Proud As a Peacock About League, and Come."

A dog with a "For Sale" sign about his neck and tears streaming from his eyes—which appeared recently on the cover page of one of the magazines—"You Will Feel

Like This If You Miss the Missionary Meeting."

Two little dogs peering curiously at an incense burner, from which smoke arises—a recent cover of the *Ladies Home Journal*—"Come to the League Meeting and Find the Solution of Your Problems."

Get out a pile of your old magazines and make some posters to advertise your League meetings.

STEWARDSHIP POSTERS

Make your League meetings on Stewardship interesting by putting up about the room these posters:

On a grey card paste a candlestick with places for three candles—cut from gold paper. Fasten in their place three candles of different colors. In white letters print on the card—"The Stewardship of Prayer, Personality, Possessions."

Cut a large key from silver paper, mount on a light blue card. In black letters print, "Prayer Is the Master Key."

Cut from the pages of *The Country Gentleman* or some other magazine the picture of a farmer and a hen-house. Paste on a yellow card. At the top print, "Tithen Eggs." At the bottom print, "Eggs—24 Cents a Dozen. Tithen Eggs—28 Cents a Dozen. Them? Them's God's."

On a lavender card paste a picture of "The Crucifixion" or "Ecco Homo." In black letters print, "God Gave His All. Will You Hold Back a Tenth?"

On the centre of a card draw a heavy black line. On one side of the line paste pictures of an automobile, some jewelry, candy, hats and dresses, toilet articles, and other necessities and luxuries, cut from advertisement columns of the *Ladies Home Journal*—or other magazine. Over them write—"Nine-Tenths for These." On the other side of the line paste the picture of a Church and over it write—"One-Tenth for the Church." Below, in large letters print, "Is It Asking Too Much?"

A large red card with the following printed on it in large red letters is effective: "$ for God— $ $ $ $ $ $ $ $ $ for Man. This is GOD'S Finance Plan—Is It Yours?"

Draw a pair of stairs with heavy black lines on a white card. Label these with red letters—"Talent, Money, Time, Prayer, Life." At the top of the stairs put a large cross cut from gold paper.

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NEWS

COLUMBIA DISTRICT

(OREGON AND WASHINGTON)

Perhaps not a record—but: The district board of officers for this year consisting of three young ladies and two young (?) men, certainly sets a good pace for the district members. All five are teachers in their respective Sunday schools. Both young men are members of their church councils. (The young ladies no doubt would be if we had that kind of church government.) Three officers sing in their church choir—(It doesn't mean the other two can't—just lack of time, so 'tis said)! Four of them are past local presidents, the other member a past recording secretary.

No doubt past district officers could show as good a record and other Leagues a better one—but with this corps of leaders Columbia District should show some real progress in our life-service work. Which reminds us—what is your League doing to carry out the goals of our *Life-Service Department?*

LA GRANDE.—At a benefit concert given December 10 by Zion League, about $75 was cleared towards the payment of the piano recently purchased.

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MICHIGAN

FROM "THE BULLETIN"

Six months have passed since the organization of the Luther League of the Michigan Synod at Lake Wawasee, Ind. That was a memorable meeting for the young people of our Synod. At its close a group of Luther Leaguers returned to their Leagues and churches filled with enthusiasm and a greater zeal for the work of Christ through the Luther League. This spirit has been found manifest in a number of Leagues and as a result great interest is being displayed in the work and development of the Luther League and its program. Such growing interest and enthusiasm speaks well for the future of the Synodical Luther League. Continue the good work!

A survey of the territory of the Michigan Synod reveals the fact that there are twenty-three active Leagues with a total membership of 633. This survey is based upon reports received from local Leagues and personal observations which have been made. These figures show that there is a good nucleus for a strong young people's organization in the Michigan Synod.

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OHIO GET-TOGETHER

A "Get-together" meeting of the Luther Leagues of St. Paul's and Bethany Lutheran Church was held in Bethany Church recently. The numbers of the program were read by Miss Gladys Baker. The prayer was offered by Rev. W. C. Spayde. A piano solo was rendered by Russell Charles. A reading, "The Golden Glove Family," was given by Miss Mary Gordon. Solos were sung by Misses Grace Fisher and Ruth Wise. Three readings were given by Miss Kathryn Feeney.

The address of the evening was delivered by W. Carl Satre, executive secretary of the Luther League of the Synod of Ohio, United Lutheran Church. Satre gave some excellent thoughts concerning the social side of League work and the leader's part in the devotional meetings. He also spoke concerning the building of the proposed Andhra College, a very important forward step in the missionary effort in India in which all the Luther Leagues will participate. Several contests were conducted by Miss Grace Fisher, after which refreshments were served.

TOLEDO.—The Toledo Life Service Institute was held at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church Sunday, January 10. To those who attended it will always be a source of joy and spiritual profit. The afternoon session was under the direction of Walter E. Fillman. Eddie Schuste, of First English Lutheran, spoke on "The Opportunity of the Church."

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General Secretary's Letter

Friendly Letter Number Three

To be read at a March business meeting.

DEAR FAMILY:—

It gives one a certain sort of thrill to write these monthly letters and know that they will be read at hundreds of local League meetings in many parts of the world. A General Secretary is sometimes tempted to think of great plans, large conventions and of the Luther League in general terms as an organization of thousands of young folks. It is important that thinking be done about these bigger things but this General Secretary hopes to save time to think about the local Leagues, big and little, that actually do the work.

The success of the Luther League of America depends on you folks who carry out the program in your own local League. If you "fall down," the Luther League of America fails so far as your congregation is concerned. I am therefore pleading with you leaders and members of your Local for *loyalty*. Any thing that is worth doing, is worth doing well. I find committee work in some Leagues is finely organized and accomplishing its purposes. In others . . . the least said the better. When you are appointed on a committee that is a duty, just as really a duty as paying your debts or keeping a promise. The boy or girl who always can be trusted to do committee work, will be the boy or girl you can trust anywhere. The president or secretary or treasurer who serves the Local as though it were the biggest, most important sort of a task, will be efficient in business and reliable in Church. Pastors are seeking that kind of folks for members of Council, officers of Sunday School, and other responsible places in the Church.

Why not take stock at this meeting, not in a mean critical way, but for the sake of the future of your work? What committees are not working? What shall we do to make them worth while? Does each committee hand in a written report at every business meeting? Is that report a record of *something done*, or just a *promise* of what ought to be done and likely won't? Does every committee meet at least once between business meetings? Are we going to get together at this meeting and make sure that our League machinery hums with efficiency from now on?

Sustaining memberships are coming in to make our financial future secure. Have you taken it up in your League? First of all your League should be a sustaining member. Fourteen Juniors have joined the ranks in the first month of 1926. I am waiting to hear of the District that can boast, *every League a Sustaining Member*. This counts with me because it isn't anything you have to do. It is not dues, but a gift of confidence in the League. Then don't forget to ask the "old grads," the men and women who used to be active Leaguers. For old time's sake they will want to help our generation in the work of the League.

1926 dues paid in full have come to headquarters in January from the States in the following order, *Iowa, Maryland, California, Nova Scotia*. Isn't that interesting? If the locals get theirs to their State treasurer right after January 1st, it will mean their State can also pay in advance. If we Leaguers learn to handle such obligations in a clean businesslike way, perhaps we shall teach our congregations and our Synods to do as well in their United Lutheran Church quotas.

I want to recommend that pageant "When East Meets West," written by Mrs. Copenhaver for our Andhra Appeal. I first saw it in St. Luke's Church, Brooklyn, and was deeply stirred by its message. I am also thrilled to the very bone by the response you folks of the local Leagues are making to the Appeal. Our young folks have been moved about many things, but usually only in a certain locality, a District or a State. Now, east and west, north and south, everywhere our young folks with the light of high enthusiasm in their eyes are thinking, talking, praying *Andhra*. It is a great thing for the youth of India; It is a greater thing for our youth of America!

I have just a few personal words to say in deep appreciation of Harry Hodges.

During this month while I have been settling into this very new sort of work, he has been friend, counsellor and comrade in the most thoughtful and kindly way. Along with the rank and file of the L. L. of A., I will owe him an unpayable debt of gratitude. I am sure all of us will seek every opportunity to show him our appreciation.

My travels have begun. The compensations for travel are new friends and new interest in the Luther League along the trail. My next letter will tell some of my experiences.

Just a closing word of appeal. Your Church is in the full sway of the Lenten spirit. You, the youth of the Church, will partake of this spirit in full measure. The Cross of Christ, the price of your redemption, how it challenges you. How it demands that you, each one, revalue the things on which you are spending your lives. Are they worth while? Are they the things Christ would want you to do? Are the goals and ambitions of which you would dare speak in the same breath with Calvary? Listen! He says, "All this have I done for thee, What hast thou done for me?"

Faithfully yours,

Amos John Traver

JUNIOR JOTTINGS

The Junior Secretary recently spent several days in the Berks District, Pennsylvania League, and found several groups of lively Juniors.

She looked in on the annual banquet of the Sunday School Association of Grace Church, Reading, where our good friend, the Rev. O. F. Blackwelder was the speaker, and was able to say a few words in behalf of the work with the children. The decorations and favors were so unique at this event that we are passing them on—you may copy them at one of your Junior League parties. Each table was decorated to represent one of the church seasons, crepe paper runners, flowers, and candles of the appropriate color being used. Lavender paper, violet sweet peas and candles made up the Lenten table. The Trinity table was in green, and the Easter table—at which sat the speakers—was a bower of beauty, with white candles, white Easter lilies and carnations, and yellow daffodils. The favors were nut baskets of the corresponding color, and the most novel candlesticks we have ever seen. They were made in this wise—A large mint pattie was used as the base. A Life Saver Mint was placed in the center, and a tiny birthday candle put in this. Another Life Saver stood on edge formed the handle of the candle stick. Try these for one of your Junior socials, the Juniors will be delighted!

We next stopped at the meeting of the Juniors and Intermediates at Redeemer, Oakbrook. Though it was almost zero, and the children had to come over country roads, over fifty were present to listen to stories, and hear about Andhra College and all the rest of the work.

Saturday afternoon we visited the Juniors at Riverside, and found a most interesting group. They presented the Topic, "What Shall We Do on Sunday?" very well, and then eagerly looked at posters and heard stories.

A meeting with the helpers of the Junior League of Grace, Reading, on Saturday evening, proved so interesting and the workers so anxious to hear, that it lasted almost until the small hours.

Sunday afternoon a meeting of workers in Shillington to hear largely of Intermediate work was well attended.

And on Sunday evening a splendid program by the Junior League of Mohnton with exercises and drills taught in their weekly meetings, and a presentation of the work by the secretary, brought out a host of interested parents and workers which filled the church.

Now Berks District Juniors say, "We want a convention all to ourselves when the Pennsylvania League meets next summer in Reading. Can't we all meet together in one of the churches, and have a convention our very own?"

NEWS

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Harold Kachenmeister, of Bethany, spoke on "Service"; William Elliott, our district president, on "Consecration of Talents"; Dr. Alvin Bell, of Glenwood, on "The Ministry"; Miss Adele Kiefie, of St. Matthew's, on "Medical Ministry."

At the evening session after the banquet the young people of St. Matthew's gave a Christmas pageant. Sister Alma Boapts presented the Life Service Flag in her usual effectual and efficient manner. Four new stars were added to the flag. There are now eight Toledo Luther Leaguers in training for the definite Life Service Work: Mr. Lowell Fry, of Glenwood, at Wittenberg, preparing for the ministry; Miss Lillian Kronmann, of Glenwood, at Robinwood Hospital, nurse training course; Miss Louise Weight, of St. Lucas, at Robinwood Hospital, nurse training course; Miss Glenora Beam, of St. Matthew's, at Robinwood Hospital, nurse training course; Mr. Herbert Veler, of Glenwood, at Wittenberg, foreign missionary; Miss Katy Kronmann, of Glenwood, at Robinwood Hospital, nurse training course; Miss Helen Peterson, of Glenwood, at The Deaconess Mother Training Home at Baltimore, taking course of Christian social service training; Miss Katherine Schmidt, of St. Lucas, at Robinwood Hospital, nurse training course.

After presentation of Life Service Flag and placing of stars, Rev. Homer C. Leonard, returned missionary from Liberia, Africa, gave a wonderful life service talk on the Call of the Church for workers in the foreign field. He especially emphasized that the church needed men and women of courage, of conviction, men with vim, men with a living desire in their hearts to fill the gap at the frontier posts of the mission field. He takes the best and the church needs the best men and women in its service.

League Activities

Carey put on a pageant, "The Heritage of the Child," on the opening night of the dedicatory services of their remodelled church. They are supporting a native worker in Africa, and have three members preparing for full time Christian service.

Bethany, Lima, is going to have a box social, the proceeds to go to Andhra College.

First Junior, Findlay, has purchased the books of the Junior reading course. They had charge of the evening church service on January 31 with a program about Andhra Christian College and gave the offering to Andhra.

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A BEST-YET MEETING

The Executive Committee held the finest sort of a meeting on February 2nd, with full attendance and a wonderful spirit of comradeship. A reorganization of the method of League work was effected under direction of the Policy Committee. Instead of Junior and Intermediate Committees with their programs and budgets, the Departments are co-ordinated through the Secretaries. The staff will arrange tentative budgets and will after they are established, apportion them. The League is to be thought of as a whole and each Secretary will represent the whole League work rather than a single Department. A small Ways and Means Committee was appointed to whom the General Secretary may refer any matter that can not be handled by the staff.

The new room number will be 806, after March 1st. We will have this room partitioned to provide small offices for the Secretaries. A part-time helper is to be secured to assist the stenographer in mailing literature and answering phone, etc.

The Committee has faith to believe that the $4,000 needed to square the budget can be found through the Sustaining Memberships. This means that every friend of the League must rally to meet this amount.

BUDGET FOR 1926

TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

From the United Lutheran Church treasury		$ 5,000.00
From 1926 dues		5,500.00
From present subscribers in the "Sustaining Membership" acct. (based on 1925 returns)	$4,000.00	
Probable expenses of fund	500.00	3,500.00
From Literature sales		150.00
From sales of the Topics and Review		6,500.00
Total Estimated Receipts		$20,650.00
Salaries:		
General Secretary	$4,000.00	
Intermediate Secretary	3,000.00	
Junior Secretary	1,800.00	
Retiring General Secretary	333.33	
		9,133.33
Traveling Expenses of Executive Staff		3,500.00
OFFICE ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES:		
Office Secretary's salary	$1,000.00	
Emergency clerk hire	300.00	
Rent for new office	687.00	
New Partition Work	400.00	
Postage	300.00	
Office Supplies, Insurance, etc.	460.00	
Printing for Dept. Stationery, etc.	800.00	
Treasurer's Clerical Expenses	180.00	
		4,127.00

TOTAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES

Executive Committee Traveling Expenses for Meetings	800.00
Luther League Review and Topics Expenses (based on 1925)	6,200.00
Other Committees: Missionary, $200; Literature, $200; Life Service, $200	600.00
Deficit, 1925	500.00
Emergencies and Miscellaneous	200.00
Budget	$25,060.33

Adopted, February 2, 1926

Note:—This leaves $4,410.33 to provide. The Executive Committee and Secretaries agree to solicit this additional amount by use of the Sustaining Memberships. This means *work, cooperative work!*

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"AND WHAT IS DEATH TO HIM?"

Easter is the feast of youth, for it is the feast of *Life.* And life, bubbling, surging life is the common possession of youth. Our Lutheran youth will enter into the joy of that great day as they have entered into the spirit of Lent. The joy of Easter without the sorrow of Good Friday is a meaningless mummery, the celebration of a pious wish for eternal life without assurance.

Don Marquis in *The Dark Hours* pictures Lazarus coming before Pilate as he is about to sentence Jesus over the protest of his wife Procula. As the men who had been called forth from the grave came through the crowd they cried out "It is the dead man, the man of Bethany. Let us get out of his way." He then turns to Pilate and says, "Thou dost scourge Him? Thou wilt deliver Him to death?" He pauses and comes nearer to Pilate and looking him steadily eye to eye says, "Death? Death? *And what is Death to Him?*"

"Oh Grave where is thy victory?" Easter answers "The grave may check budding careers, break up family circles, challenge unfounded faith, but it can never end the life that is hid in Christ." The triumph of Easter is His triumph *for us!* Hallelujah!

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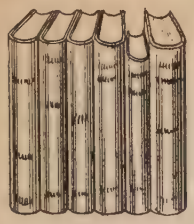
WE'LL SAY SO!

Though man a thinking being is defined,
Few use the grand prerogative of mind.
How few think justly of the thinking few!
How many never think, who think they do!
—*Jane Taylor.*



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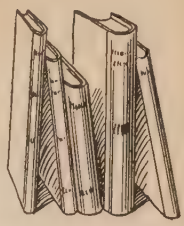

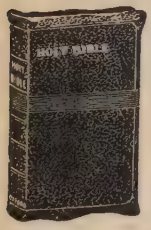

DAILY BIBLE READINGS.

"A moment in the morning, take your Bible in hand,
And catch a glimpse of glory from the peaceful promised land;
It will linger still before you when you seek the busy mart,
And like flowers of hope will blossom into beauty in your heart;
The precious words, like jewels, will glisten all the day
With a rare effulgent glory that will brighten all the way."

The Prayer Before the Reading

"Blessed Lord, who has caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Thy Holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which Thou hast given us in our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen."

The Prayer After the Reading

"Almighty and everlasting God, Who of Thy great mercy in Jesus Christ, Thy Son, dost grant us forgiveness of sin, and all things pertaining to life and godliness: grant us, we beseech Thee, Thy Holy Spirit, that He may so rule our hearts that we, being ever mindful of Thy fatherly mercy, may strive to mortify the flesh and overcome the world; and serving Thee in holiness and pureness of living, may give Thee continued thanks for Thy goodness through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen."

Understanding Hearts

It is a terrible truth that the average American Christian does not feel the privilege of Bible reading, as does the convert from the mission field. Many of our State Leagues have properly chosen Daily Bible Reading as one of the points in their efficiency standards. There is also the danger that some more loyal to their League than to their Master, may read hastily and mechanically. Better this way than not at all, but much better the reading of the story of His life with care and prayer. Let us not be satisfied with just a "mind" knowledge of the main facts of His life and the more important teachings! Let us open our hearts wide for Him to enter and possess us! Let us read not only to know about Him but *"to know Him whom to know aright is life eternal!"*

Daily Bible Readings—March

Monday, 1—Raising the Widow's Son at Nain. St. Luke 7:11-17.
Tuesday, 2—Last Message of John the Baptist. St. Luke 7:18-33.
Wednesday, 3—Jesus Testimony About John the Baptist. St. Luke 7:24-35.
Thursday, 4—In the House of Simon. St. Luke 7:36-50.
Friday, 5—Companions on His Second Tour. St. Luke 8:1-3.
Saturday, 6—Warnings to the Scribes and Pharisees (1) St. Luke 11:14-23.
Sunday, 7—Warnings (2). St. Luke 11:24-28.
Monday, 8—Warnings (3). St. Luke 11:29-36.
Tuesday, 9—True Kindred of Christ. St. Matt. 12:46-50.
Wednesday, 10—Parables by the Sea (1). St. Matt. 13:1-9.
Thursday, 11—Parables by the Sea (2). St. Matt. 13:10-17.
Friday, 12—Parables by the Sea (3). St. Matt. 13:18-23.
Saturday, 13—Parables by the Sea (4). St. Mark 4:21-25.
Sunday, 14—Parables by the Sea (5). St. Matt. 13:24-30.
Monday, 15—Parables by the Sea (6). St. Mark 4:26-32.
Tuesday, 16—Parables by the Sea (7). St. Matt. 13:-33-43.
Wednesday, 17—Parables by the Sea (8). St. Matt. 13:44-53.
Thursday, 18—Stilling the Tempest. St. Mark 4:35-41.
Friday, 19—The Gadarene Demoniacs. St. Luke 8:26-39.
Saturday, 20—Raising Jairus' Daughter (1). St. Matt. 9:18-22.
Sunday, 21—Raising Jairus' Daughter (2). St. Mark 5:35-43.
Monday, 22—The Blind and Dumb. St. Matt. 9:27-34.
Tuesday, 23—Rejected at Nazareth. St. Mark, 6:1-6.
Wednesday, 24—Third Preaching Tour. St. Matt. 9:-35-10:5.
Thursday, 25—The Charge to the Twelve (1). St. Matt. 10:5-15.
Friday, 26—The Charge to the Twelve (2). St. Matt. 5:16-23.

Saturday, 27—The Charge to the Twelve (3). St. Matt. 10:24-33.
Sunday, 28—The Charge to the Twelve (4). St. Matt. 10:34-11:1.
Monday, 29—The Death of John the Baptist. St. Mark 6:14-29.
Tuesday, 30—Feeding the Five Thousand. St. Mark 6:30-46.
Wednesday, 31—Walking on the Water. St. Mark 6:47-56.

SENIOR READING COURSE

The Story of the Church—C. M. Jacobs	$2.00
A Home Enterprise—Horine	.75
Lutheran Fundamentals—Gerberding	1.50
Looking Ahead with Latin America—High	.75
Peasant Pioneers—Miller	1.00
You Can—Adams	1.00

TOPICS

To Leaders: Remember that the Topics Booklet and Dr. Roehner's page in *The Lutheran* contain great help for you in preparing the program. The following treatments are intended to be suggestive and they will be much more helpful if you do not read them word for word, but prepare your own talk with the aid of all the help you can get anywhere. Pastors are never too busy to assist the faithful Leaguer. The Discussion questions are to be used also with discretion. Perhaps you will not want to use all of them. Choose those that appeal to you or to those who are to handle them.

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April 4, 1926

EASTER

Thoughts Suggested by Easter

1 Cor. 15:55-58; Col. 3:1-4.

HINTS TO LEADERS

An Easter Sunday Devotional is a challenge to any leader. The finest services of the Church year are held on Easter and the largest crowds attend! But there is one unique contribution the League can make to the day. It offers an opportunity for testimony and discussion.

DISCUSSION

1. How can we help combat the commercializing of Easter? 2. Should we wear new clothes on Easter? 3. Why is Easter observed by so many nominal Christians? Why does St. Paul emphasize the Easter message rather than the Christmas message in his epistles? 5. What would we lose by making the Easter story a product of the imagination of the Evangelists rather than an historical reality?

TOPIC

Easter is a day of joy. Coming at the close of Lent and Passion Week with their heavy weight of woe, what wonder the joy! Like spring after the hard winter, comes Easter after Good Friday. "He is risen!" the Russians used to shout to each other on Easter, and the answer rang out "He is risen indeed!" Yes, Easter suggests joy. "Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted" is the Easter Beatitude. Mourning touches all humanity. The whole human family, with its saddening memories of vacant places by its firesides, stands 'round the open tomb and is comforted.

There is also a personal challenge in Easter. Dr. Alvin Bell in an Easter sermon last year in the *Lutheran* voiced this challenge in these words: "Suppose that in the midst of our joyous celebration of the Easter Festival, as we are singing, Hallelujah, Christ is risen, some evil spirit should suggest, What is that to *thee?* He is risen, indeed, but *thou* wilt die! He is risen, but He was sinless and *thou* art sinful. He is risen, but He is thy Creator and *thou* art the creature. He is divine and *thou* human. What is it to *thee* that Christ rose victorious from the grace? The Christian answers that suggestion by saying, "It is everything to me. It is as though I were already rising from my death and my grave with Him. His victory is *my* victory, for the victory of Christ's resurrection is a vicarious victory." (The following references may be used: I Cor. 6:17; Gal. 2:20; St. John 15:5; St. John 14:23; Eph. 3:17.) We suggest Easter as a time for self-examination.

Easter suggests grace. The death and resurrection of Jesus are an unsurpassed picture of His love. Mazzini said that "All Jesus asked of the world wherewith to redeem it was a cross of wood on which to die." Love is all the payment He asks and love is no payment. The resurrection is an Easter present with all the rich meaning of that word present. Forgiveness and everlasting life are the free gift of God.

Easter suggests victory! The right will win. Good Friday, how easy to give up in hopeless pessimism. Easter, how easy to believe that "God's in His heaven, all's right with the world." If only Judas might have held on till Easter! If only you and I could hold on to our high ideal and noble purposes till we came to victory! The priests are coming to us daily with their thirty pieces of silver, telling us that the way of Jesus will not work in our business, on our campus, in our home. With the risen Christ comes the assurance that Christianity will work.

We are told that the shell-torn battlefields of France are blossoming with myriads of flowers such as the oldest inhabitants never saw there before. The terrible plowshare of war has brought seeds buried long ago to the light of the sun and the revivification of the rain.

Resurrection

By Jennie Wilson-Howell

"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above."—Colossians 3:1.

From the deep grave of sin, and low desire;
And from the grave of all that leads astray;
From all of self,—an ever-burning fire,—
Lord, raise us up this resurrection day!

From all which is unseemly in Thine eyes;
From thought, or word, or deed which is unkind;
Though buried deep within, oh, bid us rise,
And leave the dead past of our lives behind!

Dear Christ of God! whose bruised human form
By seal and Roman guard could not be bound,
Thyself impart, so potent, living, warm,
And bid us from sin's gravecloths be unwound!

O Lord of Life and Death! our eyes unclose;
Our vision clear, that we Thy face may see:
We would rise unto Thee, and leave our woes
With Thine, Dear Master, on Mount Calvary.

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An old Negro was asked, when he had been sitting up all night to nurse his master, "How is your master?"

The faithful servant replied: "He's dying full of life."

When death its final victory wins,
Life's victory is just begun.

Easter means that death is but the beginning of true living.

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April 11, 1926

First Sunday after Easter

HOW CAN WE SHOW OUR CHRISTIAN LOVE?

1 Cor. 13:1-13; St. Matt. 25:40

Hints for Leaders

Young folks like practical topics. You have one here that ought to suit them. The glorious thing about "showing Christian love" is that it always deepens love to Christ. Lead this meeting with the constructive purpose to have it result in some new form of Christian service or with the completion of some service, begun but never finished.

Discussion

Have three members answer the question: What new task can our League undertake for Christ?

Have three members answer the question: What work have we begun for Christ that needs reviving?

Two members may debate the question: Resolved that "For Jesus' sake" is a higher motive for service than "For humanities' sake."

Topic

Service shows love. This is as true of human love as of divine. There can be no other test of love applied, "If ye love Me, ye will keep My commandments." There is a kind of tree in South America that draws moisture. Even in drought the grass is green around its roots. So with the Christian. The inner life of love is bound to show in daily life. Folks around him will be happier and more hopeful. The Christian needs no electric sign to attest his heart life.

It is also true that half-hearted sservice shows half-hearted love. The folks who never have time for service in League and Church are one with the folks in Judea of old to whom Jesus was just another teacher. Said one of a certain Church member, "He may be a Christian but he never reminds one of his Master." The African diamond hunters tell us of the worthless lumps that are half diamond and half charcoal. The half hearted Christian is just as worthless. Scientists report that copper is elementary, aboriginal matter that started out to become gold and by some accident was shunted off the track and never attained. How descriptive of too many Leaguers. Could we all deserve the tribute, "Men seeing our good works glorified the Father."

The outlet of love to Christ is service to man. The test of our relationship to Him is neither ecmstatic rapture, nor ritual observance. It is not enough to say "Lord, Lord." Our debt to Jesus is payable in the bank of human need. Real love will break every bond of circumstance to loose itself for service. Sophia Wright, down in New Orleans, poor, crippled, strapped to a chair till nine, tied to a pair of crutches for life, but filled with love. No handicap could defeat her. To her credit stands the first evening school, a movement that has opened the door of opportunity to millions of poor youth. The loving friend of Christ, the loving League, the loving Church will be missionary. Inner, Home and Foreign Missions will be the unfailing signs of Christian love. How does our League stand the test?

Edward Irving had engraved on the silver plate of his Church: "When the offerings of the people fail to suffice for the poor, they shall be melted down." Was he right?

Illustrations

"'No lands nor gold do I hold in fee;
Naught can I give the world,' said he,
But many a heart as he passed along
Was cheered by the lilt of his merry song;
While hapless wanderers gone astray,
Were guided back to the better way;

And eyes that were dimmed with tears the while,
Would flash once more in an answering smile,
'The rarest gifts to be given away
Are neither lands nor gold,' said they."

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"If I could ascend some high mountain and look out over the wide lands, you know very well what I should see. Brigands on the high roads, pirates on the seas, in the amphitheaters men murdered to please applauding crowds, selfishness and cruelty, misery and despair under all roofs. It is a bad world, an incredibly bad world. But in the midst of it I have found a quiet and a holy people who have learned a great secret. They are despised and persecuted, but they care not. They are the masters of their souls. They have overcome the world. These people are the Christians,—and I am one of them."—"More than conquerors."—*Cyprian.*

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April 18, 1926

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

HOW DO PEOPLE EITHER BUILD OR UNDERMINE THE LORD'S DAY?

Rev. 1:9-11; Mark 2:23-28; 3:1-6

HINTS FOR LEADERS

Here is a subject that will surely provoke debate if the members are frank. Do not plan to do the talking yourself. Save time for this discussion and the only way to be sure it will start will be to assign some of the following subjects some days before the meeting.

Discussion subjects: 1. Ought we play games on the Lord's Day? 2. Ought we play outdoor games on the Lord's Day? 3. Ought we attend the theater on the Lord's Day? 4. What should we read on the Lord's Day? 5. How often should we attend Church on the Lord's Day? 6. Is it a good plan to take week-end trips away from home and Church? 7. What shall be done on the Lord's Day?

TOPIC

There is a transition in America, specially noticeable in our larger cities, from the strict observance of the Lord's Day in old New England, to a much looser ideal corresponding to what is called the "Continental Sunday." The idea of the former was that Sunday was a holy day, of the latter that it is a holiday.

The two gospel passages from St. Mark give us an interesting picture of the mind of Jesus on this important question. It would be so easy to set down laws about what one could do and could not do. And it would be much easier with such a list to know just what one dared do.

The Jews were decidedly not all hypocrites and the great majority of the Scribes and Pharisees were sincere well-meaning men, but mistaken as they were sincere. They watched Jesus critically and discovered that He and His disciples did not fast on the Sabbath. They chided Him. Again He healed the withered arm on the Sabbath and their anger arose at the desecration of their holy day. Jesus' answer is found in the principle He announced, good for all time. It is found in St. Mark 2:27.

The Jews undermined their own Sabbath by observing it in a purely legal way. It was that sort of a spiritless legalism that spoiled their whole religious life. They looked to the law as we do to Christ for salvation. They studied the law so that they would not miss a single command. They had a prohibition according to law for every day in the year. Sabbath was a network of "Thou-shalt-nots." Our Puritan fathers made the same mistake with the Lord's Day. Blue Sunday must have been a hard day for them, specially for the children. Surely Our Lord wants it to be a happy day. It can be made so without going to the other extreme.

Our generation undermines the Lord's Day when it devotes the day to physical, commercial, social and political activities. One says, what harm is there in this, what harm in that? "The better the day, the better the deed." But granting that many things are harmless, at least not positively bad, will there be time left for the main purpose of the day? Will Monday find us spiritually refreshed, facing the week better men and women because of our use of the Lord's Day? A ride on the subway or bus on Monday as folks start out to business will tell in their dull eyes and tired faces that Sunday was ill kept.

The usefulness of the day is undetermined when by our thoughtlessness a great army of folks must work. All should share in the day's privileges. (Ask for a free discussion here of necessary and unnecessary Sunday labor.) "Dr. Vincent enumerates those entitled to the day as follows: It should be Student's Day, Doubter's Day, Children's Day, Poor Man's Day, Rich Man's Day, Mourner's Day, indeed an All Saints Day."

The Day is built by those who know how to use it. It was set on the first day of the week from the seventh by the early Christians because Jesus arose from the dead on the first day. If we keep it as a Weekly Easter, letting the Easter message come into our hearts anew each Lord's Day, we will find it the best day of all.

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On another page an expressive poem, "The Birthright" may be used to good effect. It is from a labor weekly.

This is the day of light! let there be light today,
Oh Dayspring, rise upon our night and chase the gloom away.
This is the day of rest! Our failing strength renew,
On weary brain and troubled heart shed Thou Thy freshening dew.
This is the day of peace! Thy peace our spirits fill,
Bid Thou the blast of discord cease, the waves of strife be still.
This is the first of days! Send forth Thy quickening breath
And wake dead souls to love and praise, O Vanquisher of death.

—*John Ellerton.*

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Bright shadows of true rest; some shoots of bliss;
Heaven once a week;
The next world's gladness prepossessed in this;
A day to seek
Eternity in time; time's bower;
The narrow way;
Transplanted Paradise; God's walking hour;
The cool o' day!

—*Anon.*

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Dr. Amos R. Wells likens Sunday to the isles of safety which are being established in the big cities,—those elevated areas in the center of busy intersecting streets where pedestrians may take refuge in their precarious crossing between dashing teams and rushing automobiles.

Happy is the man who has found Sunday to be a blessed isle of safety between two busy weeks!

April 25, 1926

THE WOMEN, YOUNG AND OLD, OF LATIN AMERICA

Matt. 18:11; 12:8. Luke 24:47. John 8:12. Matt. 6:10; 9:6; 4:23

PROGRAM

Leader—The program is a supposed conference of representatives from various Latin American countries who have assembled for a discussion of the affairs that especially concern Latin American women.

First Woman—I have just returned from a visit to North America. I found there many things that were strange. The language is not soft like our beautiful Spanish. I could not enjoy their food. I missed our splendid fresh fruits. To see the pineapples and bananas which they sold almost made me laugh. The automobiles that I saw on Fifth Avenue in their New York City were much like ours; but their clothes were six months old in style. They were wearing the same styles that we wore in Buenos Aires six months ago except that the women whom I saw wore dresses that would not be called modest in my city. You know the Roman Catholic Church will refuse the sacraments, especially that of marriage, to those who are not modestly appareled. I think that their people are not so courteous as we are. Their working men do not shake hands with each other when they meet on the street on their way to work as ours do. Their little boys and girls do not shake hands with each other. Their men who are friends do not embrace each other when they meet. These were not the only things that were strange to me. I learned in the North that there are many opportunities which we might have, but do not have. I had always thought that to keep my home beautiful was all in life. I learned in the United States that our women should keep their homes beautiful and that they should also help make the world beautiful. I have been ignorant of what is going on in the world. I have been conscious that there were many things in my own country that I would change, but I had not known before that I had power to help in the changing. I had believed that such things must be done by men.

Second Woman—I had thought the same thing until I entered the University of Chile. There are a thousand girls registered at the University. They are a keen, wide-awake crowd. The opportunity to attend the university has developed self-reliance in the women of Chile—just as educational advantages are developing self-reliance in the women of all Latin America. It is becoming true in Chile as in other parts of the world that no public question—certainly no private one—is ever settled until the voice of woman has been heard. There is a Woman's Club in Santiago that must not be unlike some of the Woman's Clubs in the North. But when this club was started there was much opposition. The papers said the foundations of the home were being attacked.

Young Man—I am a citizen of Santiago. When the women started their movement, the papers did say that they were attacking the foundations of the home. The women replied that the foundations will be stronger if women broaden their own foundations of interest. The opposition continued. So did the women. A clubroom was secured. Invitations to an open meeting were issued. The men decided that they would go with the women, and we have been going ever since. Art, literature, science, the problems of politics and of economics—all of these come in for serious study at the *Club de*

Senoras. As a result the cultured women of our city have become a potent influence for good. We are finding that we made a mistake when we men said that the women should not help make our country great. There is another club in our city to which the men are not admitted. This is a club of a more practical sort. Girls are taught sewing, millinery and cooking. Other clubs for women are being established and the men of Chile who are broadminded rejoice with them in their new womanhood.

Second Young Man—I am a Latin American youth. I also have just returned from a visit to the United States. There were many things which surprised me. A number of times I saw young men on the street speaking to girls whom I thought they had never met. Sometimes I saw girls walking alone and sometimes I saw them walking with young men. This seemed strange to me, since in our own country a girl never appears on the street even with her fiancee without an elder guardian. In our country if a young man should be attracted by a beautiful young Spanish maiden, he would have to go to his own home, get out his family credentials, have them properly acknowledged, present them to the family diplomat and receive the assurance that his long line of noble ancestors entitled him to speak to the Spanish maiden. Even then there would be another drawback from his family. It would be necessary for the maiden to produce a certificate of good family birth before he would be allowed to talk to her. He could not meet her on the street and talk with her alone because young ladies seldom venture on the streets alone. In many of our Latin American homes iron gratings still guard the windows.

Third Woman—I am a member of the National Woman's Council in Argentina. Our motto is "Nothing for ourselves, everything for Humanity." Argentina was among the first of Latin American countries to give women the opportunity for self development. One of the first demands made by the women of Argentina was the right to enter the universities and take degrees which would admit us to the learned professions. Special resistance was met with on the part of the authorities of the medical schools, but today there are women physicians, dentists, pharmacists, lawyers and public accountants. However, in Uruguay a woman may not act as a Notary Public since the law demands that said public official must be a citizen! In Argentina in 1911 a League for the Promotion of the Rights of Women and Children was founded. Out of this have grown other Child Welfare congresses. Government officials have learned of the help that women can give. A large part of the official control of some of our public institutions has been turned over to us. One of our societies receives $2,000,000 a year. In our different institutions we care for 8,000 inmates and give relief to seven thousand out patients. We have forty-five hundred beds in our institutions and take care of nearly half a million cases a year.

Fourth Woman—I also am from Argentina. I know that throughout all Latin America there is a restless stirring—a discontent with the code that consigns women to a position of domestic servitude. Particularly is this movement having effect upon those women who are obliged to work in industry. The reforms about which you have been talking are reforms that are reaching the wealthy class of women. Before we can make our country really great we must reach the women of all classes. As all of us know most of our Latin American countries have a few wealthy people and many without wealth. All classes must be reached. Those who are wealthy have great luxury. Their houses are mansions. You have been describing the activities of the most advanced among the women. The vast majority, however, are still under the pall of superstition. South America is the only continent on which not a single woman enjoys the right to vote.

Fifth Woman—I am a member of the Consejo Nacional de Mujeres in Buenos Aires. I was a representative to the International Council of Women in the United States last year. We are doing some of the same things that the Council of Women are doing. Buenos Aires is a very popular city. Everybody in Argentina wants to live in Buenos Aires. And a good many do. Consequently the city is overcrowded and rents are atrociously high. We are undertaking to better this situation. We are also trying to open up to women work formerly done by men. Typists, secretaries, librarians, school teachers are almost entirely men. If you go into a store to buy women's wear, you will doubtless have to buy it from a man. We are making an organized effort to get the men into masculine occupations and to find for the women work for which they are suited. We are trying to take care of the children. In Buenos Aires fewer children died in 1919 under one year of age than died in Chicago. But in all of Argentina, one out of every eight does not live to be two years old. We recently had a baby week in our city. We are also trying in Buenos Aires to overcome drunkenness. We have been working with an organization of North America and we hope soon to have a temperance building in our city. Then we

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Intermediate Department

GREETINGS!

The Luther League of America office force appears to be a singing organization these days. Just recently the "Good-bye" song of Harry Hodges, General Secretary and Editor of the REVIEW, and the maiden song of his successor, Rev. A. J. Traver, were broadcasted. Now the new Intermediate Secretary is told to compose his initial song and broadcast it throughout Luther Leaguedom.

The radio announcer from station L-U-T-H-E-R L-E-A-G-U-E in another part of the REVIEW gives you a description of the Intermediate Secretary, his biography, etc. All that remains for me then is to speak, but the speech is not going to be a long one. I have only been on the job three days and surely you would not expect much from one so young. So without referring to the organization, its program, etc., I simply want my Intermediate family to think for a moment of the Saviour when He was an Intermediate. Read Luke 2:41-52. What do you think to be the central thought there? Read the reference and venture an answer before reading further.

My assertion is that the central thought is expressed in the words of Jesus: "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" Here Jesus tells us Intermediates that at the age of 12 He had a knowledge of God's business; that His Father's business was urgent; that He had a part in His Father's business and that He accepted responsibility for His part in that business. Thus you realize at once, young friends, that in the program of God there is an important place for you. But the business of God, like any other business, must be studied to be learned. The study room is the church. Therefore apply yourselves earnestly through Intermediate endeavor to know what is the perfect will (the business) of God.

Thus I greet you, promising to engage myself in your spiritual welfare primarily, but mindful to neglect no department of your social and moral life. I promise to be a traveller with you, sympathetic and kind. I want you to become more and more like Jesus; "advancing in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men."

THE MERIT SYSTEM IN ACTION

The Intermediate Merit System with its order of ranks permits of an appeal to adult workers that the one supervisor organization does not. In Trinity Intermediate Boys' League, Newport News, Va., four men are thus used. The superintendent, Mr. O. J. G. Folkmann, in addition to general oversight directs the boys seeking Gold Rank honors. Three other men direct the seekers for the Blue Rank, the White Rank and the Red Rank respectively. Besides one other man conducts song periods thus giving the boys exercise and instruction in this direction. The relation between the men and the boys is mutually stimulating. The Men's Brotherhood contributes financially, too, to the support of the Boys' League. Just naturally the introduction of the Intermediate work brings about this helpful contact between the men and the boys. It has been found helpful, too, to place a copy of the Merit System pamphlet in the hands of each Leaguer and leader.

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APRIL 4, 1926
"WHAT IS EASTER'S GREATEST MESSAGE TO ME?"

1 Cor. 15:55-58
(Rev. M. M. Allbeck, D.D.)

Easter! Does it have a message for me? or does it mean only another day on the church calendar? Candidly, there was a time when its deeper meaning did not impress itself upon me. Easter had its message in those days of my adolescent life just as it has ever had, but either I was not taught to heed it as I should have been, or the things which so much appeal to the minds of younger people kept me from thinking especially of the meaning of Easter to *me*. How good it is that we have a Luther League in these days to call our minds to the good things which God has provided for our souls!

I. Easter's *greatest* message to me is that I have *a Saviour*. That must have been its greatest message to Paul, too, for without a Saviour no one could exult as he did, and

as we do, and say, "O death, where is thy sting." Paul knew, and we must understand it also, that "the sting of death is sin." That sting must be destroyed.

1. Jesus by His death took away that sting: His resurrection from the dead is our assurance of it. Jesus is the Son of God. He is greater than His foes. His name means Saviour: He came to save His people from their sins. Paul says (verse 3) that he received the truth by inspiration that "Christ died for our sins." Isa. 53:4; I Peter 3:18; 2:24.

That word "sting" in verse 55 is expressive. It reminds us of the adder, a very poisonous and deadly viper whose power to kill was in its sting. The old serpent beguiled Eve to sin, and sin brought death. Jesus has destroyed death so its sting is gone for the believer.

2. Jesus is my Saviour because in taking upon Himself my nature and suffering death He has fulfilled for me the whole will and law of God. Hence we can confess with courage what we believe as in the meaning of Art. II. of the Apostles' Creed. He met the requirements of the law to set me free. Romans 4:23; 10:4; Gal. 3:13-14.

II. Easter means that I have a *living* Saviour. "O grave, where is thy victory?"

1. Jesus rose from the dead on the third day, according to what the scriptures had foretold. He had said He would rise again. Many credible witnesses declare that He rose. This fact the whole Christian Church confesses. "He ever liveth to make intercession for me." Acts 13:29-30.

2. My living Saviour will at the last day "raise up me and all believers from the dead."

III. Easter to me means victory over sin, death and the grave, not by my own might or power, but "through our Lord Jesus Christ." v. 57. He is mighty to save.

IV. Because Easter means these things to me, it means, also, that I must be strong, constant, and active in doing what my Lord wants me to do so that I may be to His praise. I am assured that my "labors (life) are not in vain in the Lord." I am saved to serve. v. 58.

Preparing the Program

Select Easter hymns, of course, from Common Service Book, "Hymns and Prayers," or whatever book you use.

Psalm 98 is suitable. Sing the Gloria Patria.

Have all read I Cor. 55-58 in unison; or have one commit and recite it.

Have references indicated, read at the proper time.

Sentence prayers should be made for God's gift of a living Saviour.

APRIL 11, 1926

THEME, (WHAT IS THE GREATEST PROMISE IN THE BIBLE)

(Rev. H. F. Baugham)

God's promises are very precious. They are precious because He is able to keep His promises, and because they are good not only for time but for eternity.

Sometimes we hear people say of a person, "that man's word is as good as his bond." That is a great compliment. It means that the man is one who can be trusted. When he gives his word he keeps it. When he makes a promise everyone knows it will be fulfilled. God is ever so much more to be depended upon than the most honest man, for besides being true He is all powerful. He "is faithful and just." His promises mean something.

There are some people who make promises which they keep but which are not good for the persons to whom they make them. A father may promise his son some money, which might be the very worst thing for the son. But God's promises hold the very greatest possible blessing for His children.

The Bible is full of the promises of God. Here are some of His promises: Gen. 8:22, "While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease." That is a very wonderful promise of God which He has kept all these centuries. Because that promise has not failed we have the seasons and the harvest, we have food and all that keeps us alive.

Mal. 3:10. "Bring ye the whole tithe into the storehouse that there may be food in my house and prove me now herewith saith the Lord, if I will not open the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it." That is a promise of God. Many people have found that He will keep it. But so few have actually proved it. Try it yourself and see.

Matt. 28:19-20. "Go ye . . . and lo I am with you always even unto the end of the world." What a wonderful promise that is. We can have the Master's presence with us wherever we go, to help us and strengthen us and keep us. But we must fulfill His condition if we want His presence. Read the whole passage once again.

II Pet. 1:4-6. "Whereby He hath granted unto us His precious and exceeding great promises, that through these ye may become partakers of the divine nature having escaped from the corruption that is in the world." Peter knew that God's promises were precious. He had experienced in his own life how great and how precious they distributed to members.

were. And we too can know the fulfillment of that promise which makes us partakers of the divine nature and saves us from the evil that is in the world.

John 3:16. "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have eternal life." That after all is the greatest of all God's promises, for it carries all the rest with it. It tells us of God's great love which is as broad as the world, as long as the universe, as deep as human sin and as high as heaven, which is able to save us from death and impart to us eternal life. That means not only life forever, but it means a new quality of life here and now, a better, happier, truer life in this world and which crowned with endless happiness in the world to come. It is worth while to accept this promise of God.

PROGRAM

Hymn. "My Faith Is Built On Nothing Less than Jesus Blood and Righteousness."

Prayer.

Bible Reading. II Pet. 1:1-11.

Hymn. "My Faith Looks Up To Thee" or "God Is Love."

Question—Topic Presentation. When did God make His first promise to man. Gen. 3:15. How do we know that God will keep His promises? Heb. 10.23, II. Tim. 2:13; Isa. 25:1; I. John 1:9.

What is God's promise to those who are in sorrow? Rev. 21:4; Matt. 5:4.

What is God's promise about our daily food? Gen. 8:22.

What is God's promise about our spiritual needs? Matt. 7:7.

Are there any conditions to God's promises? Mal. 3:10; Matt. 28:19-20; I. John 1:9.

What are some of the precious things about the great promise of John 3:16?

It answers us that God loves us.

It tells us that God loves everyone in the world.

It tells us that God's love goes to great lengths, "He gave His only begotten Son."

It tells us that God's love comes down to human need, "whosoever."

It tells us that God cherishes a great thing for our lives. He saves us from death and destruction and gives us eternal life.

Match this promise with Eph. 3:18.

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APRIL 18, 1926

ARE WE OBSERVING SUNDAY IN A CHRISTIAN WAY?

Luke 6:6-10

(Rev. E. R. Lineberger)

Hymn—"Saviour, Teach Me Day by Day."

Scripture Lesson.

Prayer that Jesus may teach us to use Sunday for His glory rather than for our own selfish purposes.

Hymn—"Teach Me, My God and King."

Leader—We are studying a question today that is all important in the life of every Christian, whether old or young. "Are We Observing Sunday in a Christian Way?" It is especially important for Intermediate Leaguers to be continually asking ourselves this question, since we are young, and hope we still have the greater part of our lives before us. If we have given our lives to Jesus, and every Leaguer should give his life to Him, then it is but natural for us to want to spend our Sundays in a Christian way. But before we can spend our lives in a Christian way, we must know what the Christian way of observing Sunday is. "What is the Christian Way of Observing Sunday?"

No. 1.—We know of no one better qualified to answer this question than Jesus Himself. Let us see what He has to say on this subject. In our Lesson, Luke 6:6-10, we have Jesus brought face to face with an opportunity "to do good" on the Sabbath Day. He was given the opportunity to heal a sick man on the Sabbath. At the same time He was confronted with a class of people, the Pharisees, who said that it was wrong to heal the sick on the Sabbath Day. What is Jesus to do? Shall He obey the law of the Pharisees, or will He heal the sick man? Jesus does not debate long. He immediately decides that it is better to do good, to save the life of the man, rather than to obey the law of the Pharisees. Jesus said, "It is lawful to do good on the Sabbath Day." (Matt. 12:12) He was always doing good regardless of when or where. He spent every day in a Christian way. He always did good, and always refrained from doing evil. He was always helping some one in need, or doing something to glorify His Father in Heaven. Thus we have Jesus' answer, both in word and deed, to the question, "What is the Christian Way of Observing Sunday?"

Leader—Now that we know what the Christian way of observing Sunday is, let us examine some of the ways in which Sunday is spent, and see if they are Christian ways.

No. 2—Tom and Robert went to the movies on Saturday night, and stayed so late that they were late getting to bed. As a result they slept late on the following Sunday morning, too late for Sunday School and Church. They continued to slumber until it was high noon before they were up and dressed. In the afternoon, they went out with their parents for an automobile ride. The weather was fine, and

the roads were good, so they kept on driving. When they finally returned home, they found that it was then too late to go to the League meeting. They had spent the entire day away from the house of worship. Did they observe Sunday in a Christian way?

No. 3—James and Harry were up bright and early on the same Sunday morning. They were at Sunday School on time, and stayed for church services. In the afternoon they went to see Ralph, a member of their Sunday School Class, who was sick. Their presence helped greatly to cheer up their sick friend, and for the time being, at least, made him forget his illness. When their visit was over, they hastened home in order that they might get to the League meeting on time. At the close of the day, they had the joy of having been in their places in Sunday School, Church, and League; and the joy of having made their sick friend happy. Was their Sunday spent in a Christian way?

Superintendent's Review and Remarks.

Hymn—"May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill."

Closing Prayer.

Lonely Strangers in a Strange Land.

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April 25, 1926

"HIGH ADVENTURE"—CHAPTER 4—"LONELY STRANGERS IN A NEW LAND"

(Missionary)

(Laura Wade Rice)

Hymn—"Abide With Me," Common Service Book, 473.

Superintendent—When the fulness of time came for the long promised Saviour to be born, men of all nations were longing for Him! The Jews, already scattered through the civilized world had carried their Scriptures and hopes with them. The Wise Men of Persia, eagerly watching the sky, saw in the section they held to belong to Israel a wonderful Star which to their minds was proof that the Coming One had been born. When the messengers came from heaven the words they brought from on high were: "Good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people." Simeon said of the Christ-Child that He was to be "a light to lighten the Gentiles" as well as the "glory of His people Israel."

SCRIPTURE—Luke 2:6-14—Illustrated from "The Bible and Missions" Chapter 2, pp. 54-75.

Leader—Why do people emigrate? (An emigrant is one who goes out of a country to live elsewhere, when he reaches the other land and enters, he becomes an immigrant.)

Is this emigration a sort of disease which prevails in Europe and which is very contagious? Why do we not emigrate? Literally, very few of us do. But how about the great rush to Florida? But our citizens find the same language and the same general customs and clothing everywhere they go inside our own borders. They soon feel at home. Not so the real emigrant who crosses the water to reach our shores. Why does he not stay where he belongs?

A.—He has heard great tales of America as a land of plenty. He often fails to find the tales of the steamship agent realized. (Read P. 98: first and second paragraph.)

B.—Friends and relatives who go to America and return "show off" new ideas, new clothing, new language. They are the centre of interest, it is but human for this to be a lure for the young to leave happier, easier living to go to the unknown. (Reads lower paragraph p. 98.)

C.—Then, too, the chances of getting ahead are greater here. Families are large in those lands and mouths are many to fill. Work is scarce, parents feel they must sacrifice their own love of country and friends to give their children advantages.

Leader—But whatever the reason they came. All is strange, usually disappointing. Our studies last year showed how hard are the circumstances the immigrant is up against. Unrestricted emigration leads to overcrowding in all trades, in schools, in work of every kind. "There is always room at the top," we say, but—it is hard climbing.

1—Unrestricted Immigration, p. 100.

2—The Quota Law, pp. 100-1.

3—Crowded Schools, p. 101.

D.—In the days of the World War people were amazed to learn that whole companies of United States soldiers had to be taught English before they could understand commands. Poor women—left at home—became frantic over their conscription. Much Red Cross work was among the families of foreigners who did not even know what to do with a pay-check sent home by the absent men folks. (Read p. 102.)

E.—The main trouble is that we do not try to know the foreigner. Because his clothing and house is poor, we class him as ignorant, low, when in his love for art, music and often religion, he is possibly vastly the superior of those who look down on him.

F.—We could know—if we would. We read "the latest novel," instead of "From Alien to Citizen," by Edward A. Steiner, "The Autobiography of Edward Bok," who gave us the *Ladies Home Journal*, Mary Antin's "Promised Land," Steiner's "On the Trail of the Immigrant," and "Against the Current," "From Immigrant to Inventor,"

by Michael Pupin, "The Book of American Negro Poetry," edited by James Weldon Johnson. If you boys and girls want to take a dare, the writer of this lesson challenges you to read any one of these books and then write her, care of the General Secretary, Philadelphia, whether you feel big or small. If small, you are in the same class with the writer. If any boy or girl, man or woman, can read "From Alien to Citizen" without feeling that God is holding out to us Christians a wonderful opportunity to do something to help any foreigner from henceforth having such an experience as Edward Bok had, then their heart is too hard to be touched by anything.

G.—How shall we start to make the foreign man or woman feel a little friendliness in the new country? We are just young folks, we cannot organize great movements.

Leader—The smile is a language all can understand. Smile at a foreign child in the street-car and look into the mother's face. She will smile back and usually hug the child. Then she will often look at you and you can smile back. Say "good-bye" if you leave first, and you will leave a warm heart behind you. A Ten-Cent Store Christmas tree taken to a Polish shoemaker was the beginning of a beautiful friendship. A school boy or girl, interested in a foreign classmate is a lovely gift to the God who has made us all "of one blood." Little things count. A Settlement House, or Mission Work may offer you a chance to help—if so,, go, and ask what you can do. Their Manual Training Classes would be glad of trained American boys to "brother" their little foreigners, or Boy or Girl Scouts to be one of their troop of foreign-born members. All this friendliness is carried into the homes. At our open air meetings for the Jewish people in the writer's city flowers are given which go to homes that would else never see them. "Whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you—do ye even so unto them."

4—The Story of "All Right," pp. 106-7.
5—Communities, pp. 109-10.
6—Religion and churches, pp. 110-12.

H.—These people gather into communities because it is more homelike to live near folks who understand your ways and what you say. Yet America does not furnish them homes for comfort and beauty, but gives them hard work all the day, and dirt and discomfort and unsanitary houses to return to at night. As we boys and girls grow up and become employers and property owners we can change all this. And this is one reason why we should read and now learn, that we may resolve to do our part in making a new America for our foreigners.

7—Poles, p. 113.
8—Czechs, pp. 114-16.
9—Slovaks, p. 116.
10—Jugo Slavs, p. 117.

I.—The plight of educated foreigners is pitiful. Imagine a Russian lawyer forced to earn his bread in an amusement restaurant by holding a mouse tied to a string before a trained snake to make the snake active and ready to perform! A court musician, master or several languages, can hardly earn his living here because he knows no English. (The Russians, pp. 118-9.)

J.—Many a foreigner has been jailed or executed for a crime never committed with no language to explain his case, with no friend to secure him a square deal, often without any one who desires to see him cleared. (Read pp. 142-50 in "From Alien to Citizen"—get from public library.)

Leader—Study books and books of statistics may be dry reading, but the actual experiences of writers who have come to us from afar are more thrilling than any novel, because they hold out to us actual chances "to get into the story and make things come out right for God and for our brother man."

Prayer—Dear God and Father of us all, open our eyes to see the wrongs done to the strangers in our land, open our hearts to feel these wrongs and resolve to right them. Make us brotherly and friendly to them, remember how great it is to be called to be a friend of the friendless. Show us the little chances for friendliness that lie all around us, which we need to seize for the sake of our own souls even as much as for the sake of those who need up. Help us to grow big *inside*, by loving and helping every day. For the sake of Him who left His Heavenly Home and became an immigrant in our world to save us from our selfishness and teach us to love one another even as He loved us. Amen.

LUTHER LEAGUE TOPICS

(*Continued from page* 20)

can do better organized work. I have been told that our situation along this line is worse than it was in the United States even before their eighteenth amendment was enacted. I understand that in the industrial centres in Chile the laborers are paid off on Saturday night and seldom report for duty before Tuesday of the following week or even later. Our women are giving this matter especial attention.

Sixth Woman—I am a student who was turned away from school because it was too crowded. There are many cases like mine. Almost every girl's school in Latin America turns away girls every year. I was so determined to enter school that when I was

turned away from one school I applied to another and then another until I was received into a mission school. I can not tell you what this has meant to me. I have always longed to be educated; but I did not know of the joys of being in a Protestant Christian College. Along with the courses that I have had in the usual college subjects, I have studied the Bible. Everything has been changed for me. I am going to continue my work in school until I have completed the course; then after I have spent a year in one of the Christian Colleges in the United States I am going to come back and teach. I can make a larger salary in a government school, but I do not want to teach there. While I am in the United States I shall tell other teachers of the splendid opportunity that they would have in some of our colleges in Latin America. I believe that when I tell them about it there will be a number of them who will want to come back with me. I don't see why they should not want to come. Our country is beautiful, our people are appreciative, there is not an over-supply of teachers, as I hear there is in the United States, and there is such a wonderful opportunity to lead our young women to higher things.

Seventh Woman—I am a teacher in a girl's school in Lima. I will tell you a story about Eudosia. (Story from pages 120-121 "Looking Ahead with Latin America.")

Eighth Woman—(An impersonation of a Woman of Cuzco, Peru—one of the leaflets recommended at the beginning of our study of Latin America. Let the various parts be taken by those who have represented the other women, the part of the missionary being taken by the Seventh Woman.)

Suggestions to Leaders

(The program is based on Chapter V of Looking Ahead with Latin America. Many quotations are from this book; others are from New Days in Latin America. The parts on the program should be assigned far enough in advance for those who take them to memorize them or to be able to give the thoughts. The Missionary Secretary who is not determined to have the best possible program will probably have the parts read. They might even be assigned after the bell for the meeting has rung. A single copy of the Luther League Review might be handed from one to the other and the members might be able to read the parts so that they might be understood. Such a program will be better than no program. According to the suggestion contained in the article on the Missionary Page in this number, the leader who arranges such a program may expect a low grade on Success.)

NEWS NOTES

MINNESOTA

Quoting from "The Extender"

Let us take an inventory of our State League. We have eighteen active Leagues, thirteen of which appear on the honor roll, and thereby show their activity. We have twelve congregations whose Leagues, if they have one organized, are not affiliated with the State League. Three new Intermediate Leagues have been organized making six active Leagues. We hope to have this number doubled during 1926. One of our aims is to have a Luther League in every congregation, and every League affiliated with the State League. Let us not be satisfied until we make this aim a *reality*. We have raised $613.20 on the $1,000 pledged for the Northern Minnesota Missionary Fund. This leaves a balance of $386.80 to be raised this coming year. This work is important, Leaguers, and we must put it across this year.

The State League has the following objectives for 1926:

First—Raise $500 for Andhra Christian College. This means $1 or more per capita according to our membership. This should be in the hands of the treasurer before our convention in June, 1926.

Second—Finish raising our $1,000 for the Northern Missionary Fund.

Third—Every League pay their dues at least six months in advance, preferably a year in advance.

Fourth—Every League become a sustaining member of the Luther League of America, and endeavor to secure a number of individual sustaining members.

Fifth—Secure 120 subscriptions for the Luther League Review.

Sixth—Organize a League either Senior or Intermediate in congregations having no League and endeavor to get all Leagues in State League before June, 1926.

MARYLAND

District of Columbia News Letter says: "Here is where (and when) we have to say 'good-bye' officially to our genial General Secretary, Mr. Harry Hodges. It will be hard to think of affairs of the Luther League of the U. L. C. without including him. We have always considered him as a part of the Luther League of the District of Columbia. Officially, he will be missed; fraternally, may things be the same. Good-bye, Harry, the Secretary—Hail, Harry (the friend)!

"But 'Hail to the Chief.' Our new Secretary is with us (Amos John Traver), and when we get to know him we are going to love him just as much. For he is a 'Jolly good fellow,' full of fun and earnestness, of pep and power, of ideas and ideals. Welcome! 'Chief Traver'!"

Thank you!

NEW JERSEY

Asbury Park.—At the January meeting of the League, officers to serve for one year were elected as follows: President, Harold Quering; vice-president, Herbert Rohlader; secretary, Mildred Weber; treasurer, Millicent Schmachtenberger; treasurer and missionary committee, Minnie Lau.

The following chairmen were named to serve with the executive committee: Membership, Florence Nielsen; missionary, Bessie Coble; educational, Helen Luttman; social, Helen Quering.

Our League have pledged $50 to Andhra College.

A social committee has been appointed for the month of February, to arrange for a special entertainment.

Junior Department

"TAKE CARE OF THE JUNIORS AND THE SENIOR LEAGUE WILL TAKE CARE OF ITSELF"

The 1926 Junior Reading Course

Brave Adventurers—Cronk	$ .75
Land of the Golden Man—Ferris	.75
Broad Stripes and Bright Stars—Bailey	1.25
Hymns Every Child Should Know—Bacon	1.00
The Little Children's Bible—MacMillan Press	.90
Jack In The Pulpit—Shaw	1.00

The following Juniors of St. Luke's Junior League, Pittsburgh, Pa., completed the 1925 Course recently, and have received Certificates: Dorothy Steinmeyer, Elizabeth Fry, Laura Cording, Elizabeth Brecker, Paul Miller, John Coleman, Laure Winters, Marie Baierl, Dorothy Blackstock. This League is already at work on the 1926 Course.

The following Leagues have purchased the 1926 Course:

Union, York, Pa.
Redeemer, Monaca, Pa.
First, Findlay, Ohio
First, Greensburg, Pa.
Messiah, Wesleyville, Pa.
Bethany, Lima, Ohio
Christ, Stone Church, Pa.
Grace, N. S., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Have you entered the Reading Contest for the Banner? Every Junior League at work reading the books will help *your* State or district win it.

200 New Junior Leagues — 32 Already Registered!

Here is the report of the Campaign for new Leagues to date:

	Quota	*Reached*
Connecticut	5	—
Columbia District	5	—
Illinois	5	—
Iowa	5	—
Indiana Synodical	20	2
Kansas	5	—
Maryland Synodical	10	1
Michigan Synodical	10	—
Minnesota	5	—
Nebraska	10	1
New Jersey	10	—
New York	35	2
Ohio	50	5
Pacific Northwest	5	1
Pennsylvania:		
Allentown	5	—
Berks	10	2
B. M. C.	5	1
Erie Conference	5	1
Greensburg	5	2
Harrisburg	5	1
Lancaster	5	1
Northeast	5	—
Philadelphia	10	3
Pittsburgh	15	4
Ridgway Conference	5	1
Schuylkill	10	—
Upper Lehigh	5	—
York	15	—
Isolated	5	2
South Carolina	—	1
Texas	5	1
Wisconsin	10	—
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Watch this table change each month! Which State or District will be the first to reach its quota? Help change the blank spaces and put *your* District on the Honor Roll.

Andhra Christian College—$55

The following have contributed to the Special Junior Objective for the Junior Luther League Room" in Andhra Christian College:

Christ, Spry, Pa.	$25
St. John's, Nanticoke, Pa.	5
1st German-English, Wilkesbarre, Pa.	5
Zion, Olney, Philadelphia, Pa.	5
First, Tyrone, Pa.	5
St. Paul's, Walkersville, Md.	5
St. Matthew's, White Plains, N. Y.	5

Sustaining Members

These Junior Leagues are helping along the work of the Department by taking out a Five Dollar Sustaining Membership:

St. John's, Freedom, Pa.
St. John's, Phoenixville, Pa.
St. Andrew's, Glen Morris, L. I., N. Y.
St. Luke's, Pittsburgh, Pa.
St. John's, Nanticoke, Pa.
Christ, Stone Church, Pa.
St. Paul's, Summit Hill, Pa.
First, Tyrone, Pa.
Union, York, Pa.
1st German-English, Wilkesbarre, Pa.
Trinity, Akron, Ohio
Zion, Girardville, Pa.
Messiah, Wesleyville, Pa.

News

From Zion, Renovo, Pa.: "We organized on October 21, are using the Junior Topics, and had a Christmas Party. The children are much interested."

St. Paul's, Walkerville, Md., writes: "Let me tell you what we did for others at Christmas. We sent a box of toys and useful articles to a family in Texas, and a box of school supplies to the Konnarock Training School. We also sent a box of hand-work to a children's hospital in Baltimore. We sent cards to the foreign missionaries. On Christmas afternoon we held a public meeting presenting a "Christmas Program" of old carols and readings and an original playlet. Pretty good for our first attempt,

I should say, and the Juniors were all so enthusiastic about it. We have not forgotten Andhra College, and will contribute shortly. We want to get the Reading Course, also."

Immanuel, Meriden, Conn., writes: "Just a few words about the Juniors. They certainly are doing good work. Last Saturday our lesson was on Abraham, the First Torchbearer. The leader who happened to be a girl carried out the lesson most wonderfully, making up the story in her own words and then made up questions of her own. They all listened so attentively that all hands seemed to go up for nearly all the questions. We enrolled three new members also."

On January 9 a Junior Rally was held in Epiphany Church, Camden, N. J. There was an interesting program, a feature of which was an original pageant, "Emblems of Christmas," prepared by Mrs. Paul Weber, and splendidly presented by the Epiphany Juniors. A social hour followed. Among those present was a delegation from Trinity, Camden, and a Junior League will be organized there in the near future.

From St. James, Cleveland, Ohio, comes this: "We are going to present "Luther's Coat of Arms" and "A. G. C.," the India playlet, on the 29th of January, and the offering will be given to Andhra College. We are sending invitations to some of the other Lutheran Churches to attend. In the Spring we will have a Rally and invite all the children of the other churches. Our League is doing splendidly. We now have 48 active members enrolled, and new members starting each week. We had an attendance of 40 at the last meeting. Shortly before Christmas we had a prayer meeting at the home of a shut-in, singing Christmas carols, reading Scripture and the Juniors themselves offering prayer. We sent a box of canned goods to the Oesterlen Orphan Home."

Do you want a little book of prayers for your Junior meetings? Order "Teach Us to Pray"—Anderson, 40 cents, from the United Lutheran Publication House, 1228 Spruce Street, Philadelphia. It is a little book of short, simple prayers that can be used at any of the meetings.

From *The Gleaner*, the little paper issued by Grace, N. S., Junior League, we get this: "Our Christmas offering for the Orphan Home at Zelienople was the largest in the history of the League. To date we have $75.10, with several members to hear from yet.

"Our First Junior League Banquet will be held Wednesday, January 27. There will be a program, with the President of the Luther League of Pennsylvania, Mr. D. A. Kommel, as the principal speaker. The District President, Mr. D. C. Hill, and Miss Esther Martin, District Junior Secretary, will also speak. There will be songs and yells, and the whole thing will be patterned after the Banquet held at the convention of the Luther League of America in Milwaukee."

We also quote from the same paper: "Read Your Bible Tonight. Will not every Junior make this their motto for every day? The Daily Bible Readings called 'Bible Torchbearers' have been given to every member. Please put this little leaflet in your Bible and every night read the Bible lesson for that day. Then put a little check mark on your leaflet to show that you have done so."

APRIL 4, 1926

WHAT DOES EASTER MEAN?

Mark 16:1-8

(To make Easter mean the most to the Juniors there must be some preparation. Did you use the series of special Lenten Topics? A brief review of them during Holy Week will mean much.

Make the Easter meeting a joyful and happy one. If it is held Saturday afternoon, invite all the parents. If on Sunday, make it a special festival program.)

PROGRAM

Song—By entire Junior League—"We Will Carol Joyfully."

Scripture Reading—By Junior—Mark 16:1-8.

Prayer—Sentence prayers by Juniors—Thanks for the Joy of Easter, that all may share in its joys.

Topic—"What Does Easter Mean?"—By seven Juniors.

Leader—Suppose we were asked what day of all the year we liked best? I suppose we would all say—"Christmas." But we must remember that without Easter, Christmas would not mean so much. At Christmas Christ came as the Babe of Bethlehem; but at Easter He died and then rose again for us, and this gives us the hope of life everlasting.

First Junior (a boy)—Last fall I saw a dull, brown cocoon hanging to the bare limb of a tree. It looked as dead as could be! I broke it off and brought it along home and put it back of a picture in my room. Yesterday I was surprised when I went upstairs to find a beautiful butterfly spreading its wings on the frame of the picture. The brown cocoon seemed dead, but from it came life, the beautiful butterfly. So Easter means *life*. Jesus died, but the tomb could not hold Him; on the first joyous Easter morn, He rose again into life.

Second Junior (a girl)—Last Easter when we came to church, how beautiful everything looked! There were Easter lilies everywhere, on the platform in Sunday School, and the church was full of them, around the organ, along the chancel rail, inside the chancel, the whole front of the

church seemed full of them. I thought then of the ugly brown bulbs I had seen once which they told me were lily bulbs, and I wondered how anything so beautiful as the Easter lilies could come from such dull, ugly bulbs! So Easter means *beauty* to me; for the Easter lilies tell of the beauty which Christ died to give us. The lily is a picture of the beauty and purity of a Christian life, a life free from sin, which Christ died that we might have. Easter means beauty.

Third Junior (a boy)—Walking along the streets as Easter time we see flowers everywhere. The florist's shops are full of them. We see them in the market places. We see them along the street curbs. Everywhere we see gay yellow daffodils and bright colored tulips, stately Easter lilies and all the other beautiful Easter blooms. We put them in our windows and brighten up our homes with them. They mean *joy*. So Easter means joy. The joy which we find in our risen Lord and Saviour, the victory over death which He won for Himself and for us, fills our hearts with joy and gladness.

Fourth Junior (a girl)—We pass all the candy shops, and find them filled with Easter baskets. We see Easter eggs everywhere—home made ones, dyed in all the colors of the rainbow, candy ones, pink, yellow, chocolate. Why do we have eggs at Easter? Last week we had a ride into the country in the auto, and I saw a mother hen with a flock of little chicks. And then I remembered that the egg is a sign of *Life*, too, and that is why we have it at Eastertime.

Fifth Junior (a boy)—When we come to church on Easter, whether at church, or in Sunday School, or in Junior League, we sing beautiful Easter carols. The choir sings joyous anthems. Why? They express *joy*.

Leader—All these things tell us of Joy and Life. Why are we glad at Easter time?

Sixth Junior (with picture, "He Is Risen")—All of these things tell us about the joy of Easter, but the real reason we are happy at Eastertime is because of the Easter Story. (Holds up picture.) We all know of the tiny Babe of Bethlehem, how He grew and lived among men, how He suffered for us, how He died on the cross for us, and then we know of the joy of that first Easter morning, how early in the morning the women went to the tomb and found that Jesus was not there. And we know the message which the angel gave them—"He is not here, He is risen." This is the reason we are happy at Easter, this is what Easter means. Because Jesus died and then rose again, living and going again to His Father, we need not fear death, for we too may live again and live with Him eternally, if we believe. This is the meaning of Easter.

Exercise (by five girls)—If possible, have a background of palms or plants. Have the girls in long, flowing gowns of white cheesecloth. Have each carry a large cross with the letter they represent printed on it in black or gold. Make these crosses of heavy white cardboard, and twine them with flowers and green foliage. A good effect will be obtained if very soft music is played while the reciting is being done.

E—stands for ENDURING. Easter means dying with Christ and enduring to the end. We must suffer with Christ, if we would rise again and live with him. We must follow Christ. (Recites Gal. 2:19, 20.)

A—is for ASCENSION. Easter brings us the message that we shall if we believe rise again with Christ. (Recites Col. 3:1, 2.)

S—is for SAFETY. Easter brings us the hope of a home in heaven and eternal salvation. (Recites John 14:1-3.)

T—stands for TRUST. Easter gives us a glorious hope. This hope is that just as Christ rose again from the dead, so will all those who believe on Him. (Recites I Thess. 4:13-18.)

E—is for ETERNITY. Because Christ lives, so we too can win the victory over death, and live always. (Recites I Cor. 15:55.)

R—stands for RESURRECTION. Easter brings us a vision of Heaven and of the last Resurrection. (Recites Rev. 21:1-7.)

Hymn—"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today."

Talk (by Junior)—See leaflet in packet—"Lenten Picture Studies." Have a Junior give the Easter talk there written.

Exercise—"Go-Tell" by the entire Junior League. Get leaflet "Go-Tell" from League Headquarters, 2 cents.

Hymn—"The Day of Resurrection."

Offering—For some mission work, orphan home, or other special objective.

Closing—Lord's Prayer.

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APRIL 11, 1926

GIDEON, WHOSE TORCH LED HIS PEOPLE TO VICTORY

Judges 7:2, 3, 19, 20

(This is another of the "Bible Torchbearer" lessons. See the suggestions at the head of the Topic for January 10 in the REVIEW for December 1925.

Abraham, Joseph, Moses, Gideon—all carried the Torch of God's Word. This topic tells how the Torch was passed on.)

THE TOPIC

Hymn—"Onward, Christian Soldiers."

Scripture Lesson—(Read by Junior) Judges 7:2, 3, 19, 20.

Introduction—(By Junior acting as Leader). We learned how Moses gave the great Torch of the Law to the people in our last "Torchbearer" lesson. We also heard how Moses did not reach the Promised Land himself, but another took the Children of Israel in. This was Joshua, the great soldier-leader.

Today we are going to hear about another soldier-leader, Gideon. The people at last reached the Promised Land, just as God promised, and were ready to settle down, thinking all their work done. But they found the land full of enemies, who did not believe in their God. These enemies had to be driven back. Their work had just begun. And so the Torch had to be lifted up again and held before the people. This time it was a Torch of Courage which carried God's Kingdom on.

Often when we think we have done all God wants us to do, we find that our work has just begun!

The Midianites, a strong tribe of heathen people, came out against the Israelites. And it was Gideon, whose Torch of Courage led his people to victory. Let us have his story.

Second Junior—This is the story of *Gideon's Call.* Because the children of Israel had forgotten their God and were following the wicked ways of some of the evil tribes around them, God sent the Midianites against them. And then, when they came back to follow Him again, He called a strong leader, Gideon, to fight for them. Our Bible tells us how Gideon was called. (Reads Judges 6:11-14.)

Leader—How did Gideon accept this call?

Third Junior—Gideon was obedient. Our Bible tells us the story of *Gideon's Obedience.* His first act was to destroy one of the false gods' altars, the altar of Baal. (Reads Judges 6:25-29.)

Leader—Who will tell us the story of the battle which Gideon led against these Midianites?

Fourth Junior—First of all it was fought with *Picked Men.* God showed Gideon a queer way to get the best soldiers. It was those who did not stoop down and stop to drink at the stream, but those who were so anxious to get into the battle against their enemies that they merely filled their hands with water and drank as they ran, whom Gideon let go into the fight. (Reads Judges 7:1-7.)

In our Junior League work, and in our churches today we need boys and girls just like that. We want Leaguers so anxious to work for the Lord that they will forget all else, and think of nothing but pushing ahead and doing what is to be done. When you are asked to lead the meeting, or do some work, do you go ahead that way?

Fifth Junior—The story of the battle is a strange one. It is a story of *Lights in Earthen Pots.* We think of soldiers with swords or guns. But these soldiers took each one a trumpet and a pitcher or earthen pot in which was a light. Marching around their enemy's camp, at a signal, they made a loud noise with their trumpets, and breaking their pitchers waved their lights. The enemy thinking a great number had come out against them, flee. Our Bible tells us the story. (Reads Judges 7:16; II Cor. 4: 6, 7.)

Leader—Did they win the battle?

Sixth Junior—Because they went out in the name of the Lord they won. Their cry was, "The Sword of the Lord and of Gideon." *Light and Victory* was theirs. (Reads Ps. 18:28-30, Judges 7:21.)

Leader—What was it that made Gideon win the victory?

Seventh Junior—It was *Consecration.* He was devoted to God's cause. He was anxious to do His work. (Reads Prov. 23: 26.)

Juniors must be consecrated to their Lord also, and willing to do His work. And we can show this consecration in little things, if we can not do big things. We can be faithful in attendance, perform carefully all we are asked to do in Junior League. Are we consecrated?

Handwork—If time permits it might prove interesting to have the Juniors make from clay, models of the lamps used in Bible times. Pictures of these can be found in Sunday School lesson books, or in Bible Commentaries. A package of Plasteline (clay) can be bought from Milton Bradley Company, 114 S. 15th Street, Philadelphia for 45 cents.

Closing—Hymn, Sentence Prayers (by Juniors, for courage and strength to do God's work), Lord's Prayer.

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April 18, 1926
MY FAVORITE MOTTO

Phil. 4:13

The Topic

(Ask the Juniors the week before this meeting to select during the week some verse or motto which they like. It may be a Bible verse, or it may be a motto which they have learned elsewhere. Ask them to hunt up several and then select their "favorite.")

Hymn.

Roll Call—Have each Junior answer to roll call by reciting the favorite motto which he has selected.

Leader—Mottoes help us to do better work and follow Jesus more closely, if we select a good one and live up to it. Today we are going to hear some mottoes, and before we go home let us each one select a verse which we think a good one and try

to follow it and make it the guide in all we do.

Junior—The motto I like best of all is the verse in John 3:16, which is the whole Bible story in one verse. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." It gives us the promise of living in Heaven. To follow this motto, we must believe in God and His great love.

Junior—I like to think of that verse which tells us that we need not worry about where we shall find food, or clothes, or the things that are necessary for us. Matt. 6:32 tells us "Your heavenly father knoweth that ye have need of all these things." So we should follow this motto, work for what we need, and not worry about getting more.

Junior—Juniors should talk with their Heavenliy Father, and the verse, "Lord, teach us to pray" (Luke 11:1) is my favorite motto.

Junior—We should always be ready to give to those who are needy and poor. The motto I love is "And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three, but the greatest of these is charity." (I Cor. 13:13.)

Junior—The Great Commission, the verse which tells us to go out and be missionaries is my favorite verse. "Go ye therefore and teach all nations." (Matt. 28:19.) Some day I hope I can be a missionary.

Junior—"Be ye doers of the Word and not hearers only" is a good motto for Juniors. (Jas. 1:22.) We should be "up and doing." There are many things Junior Leaguers can do in the Church. And we can begin as Juniors, we are trained now for work later.

Junior—Whenever I go into church for service I think of that verse, "Let all things be done decently and in order." I like to have everything as it is done in church, quietly and in order. That is a good rule for our lives, too. We should try to do everything as it comes along, just right, and quietly. (I Cor. 14:40.)

Junior—I like the verse which calls us to to come to Junior League, and to Sunday School and church, "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord." (Psalm 122:1.) That is a pretty good rule for every one to follow.

Junior—"Suffer little children to come unto me" is my favorite motto. I like to think of Jesus blessing the children, and to know that He wants the children in His church. (Matt. 19:13.)

Junior—The verse which tells us of our kind Heavenly Father's care—"I am the Good Shepherd" is my favorite. (John 10:11.)

Junior—Martin Luther's favorite verse is my choice. "The just shall live by faith." If we believe in Jesus we shall have eternal life. Just doing good will not save us. (Heb. 10:38.) It was this motto which helped Martin Luther do his great work. If we follow it, perhaps there may be some great work we can do.

Junior—Other men had great mottoes, too. They were not always found in the Bible, but they helped these men stand up for Jesus and do his work. David Livingstone, the great explorer, who went down into the heart of Africa had a motto which all Juniors might follow. It was "Anywhere, provided it be forward." This motto led Livingstone through all sorts of dangers, helped him to press on through the dark jungles in spite of all dangers, knowing he was doing God's work. Can we say, "anywhere, provided it be forward"?

Junior—Another great missionary had a favorite motto. This was the cobbler, William Carey, who became the great missionary to India. He said, "Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God." He knew if he tried to do something hard, God would be with him and help him. A motto like that would help Juniors, too.

Junior—The motto I like is one I saw in a church paper somewhere some time ago. It read: "The children are the Church of tomorrow." I like to think that when we grow up we will be the Church, and that now while we are small we are getting ready to do the work of the Church.

Junior—There is one motto we haven't heard yet, and as Junior Leaguers we all ought to know it and love it and follow it out. It is our League motto, "Of the Church, By the Church, For the Church." Our League is part of the Church, and we should live this motto, by being in the League and part of the Church, too.

Leader—Every one of these mottoes will help us. Let us follow them.

Handwork—Pass out slips of paper in various colors, and let each Junior print neatly on one the verse or motto he has chosen as his favorite. Fasten these into a chain by pasting the ends together and ut up in the room for some time. Teach as memory verses some of the favorite mottoes selected.

Discussion—Talk over each motto given in the Topic.

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April 25, 1926

MISSIONARY TOPIC: "DIGGING FOR AN ANSWER"

Missionary topics for the current six months are based on the book Brave Adventurers. Helpful materials for leaders are:

Brave Adventurers, a book of stories on which the

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League News Items

SEND IN THE NEWS—The other Leagues want to know what YOU are doing. You want them to know of your activities. This department is a clearing house for ideas in entertainment and good works. If yours is not represented it is because we do not hear from you. All news items must be in the Editor's hands by the first of the month.

WISCONSIN

Milwaukee District Luther League Organized

At a rally of the Luther Leagues in the Milwaukee District, held in the Church of the Reformation on Sunday, December 6, the young people voted to organize a District Luther League which will hold quarterly meetings to promote the interests of the local congregations as well as to aid in the progress of the State and National Luther Leagues and to develop the spiritual life of the individuals. The chief speaker for the afternoon session was Mrs. S. T. Peterson, of Chicago, who in her characteristically enthusiastic manner was able to increase the vision and the ambition of the Milwaukee Leaguers. While Mrs. Peterson was addressing the Milwaukee District, a long-distance telephone message conveyed the greetings of the Racine-Kenosha District Luther Leaguers from their session in Kenosha and offered a challenge in meeting the Wisconsin quota for the Andhra College Fund. Because the District League had not yet come to a realization of its possibilities, the acceptance of the Racine-Kenosha District challenge was referred to the local executive committee which will be composed of the following officers and representatives: President, Warren Schwartz, of the Church of the Reformation; first vice-president, George Rapps, Church of the Redeemer; second vice-president, Roy Kaestner, Church of the Epiphany; third vice-president, Miss Meralda Ostrander, Church of the Resurrection; recording secretary, Miss Ethel Cowell, St. Matthew's, Wauwatosa; corresponding secretary, Miss Florence Margerfleisch, Church of the Epiphany; treasurer, Miss Clara Hartland, Washington Park Church. After a supper served by the Young Women's Missionary Society of the Church of the Reformation, the evening session was held to hear Judge George Shaugnessy, of the Milwaukee Municipal Court, who praised the work of Christian young people's societies as effective preventatives of juvenile crime. The following Leagues are in the Milwaukee District: Church of the Redeemer, Senior and Intermediate Departments; Church of the Epiphany, Senior and Intermediate Departments; Church of the Reformation, Senior Department; Lake Park, Senior Department; Church of the Resurrection, Senior Department; St. Matthew's, Wauwatosa, Senior, Intermediate and Junior Departments; Washington Park, Senior Department; St. Luke's, Waukesha, Senior and Intermediate Departments, Redeemer Church, Senior and Junior Departments.

St. Matthew's Luther League, Wauwatosa, Wis.

Since April, 1925, St. Matthew's Church, Wauwatosa, has been the only congregation in the State of Wisconsin with all three departments of the Luther League. In 1920 the congregation was organized under the direction of Field Missionary W. C. Stump. In October, 1921, the Senior Luther League was organized and for several years thereafter a struggle for existence was continued. The membership, in the meanwhile, fluctuated with the interest of the Leaguers. In 1923 the Intermediate League was organized under the presidency of Mr. John Zemke, while the Seniors elected Miss Dorothy Paap as their president. At the 1923 State convention St. Matthew's Senior League joined the Wisconsin Luther League. In 1924 the Intermediate League became affiliated with the State organization. In 1925 the Junior League was organized under the leadership of Miss Martha Kallis, an Intermediate Leaguer. At the State convention, held in the local church, the Junior Luther League was received into membership in the State. At the present time the motto, which has become the objective of the Senior League, is "Education, Recreation, Consecration." During the past year the Seniors have supported six children in the Japanese Kindergarten, during 1925-26 they aim to support a Bible woman in India. The Intermediates are contributing to the Milk Fund of the Milwaukee Family Welfare Association and three of the members have decided to dedicate their lives to the service of Christ in the home and foreign fields. The Juniors are co-operating with the Intermediates and the Seniors in the support of the Andhra Christian College Fund. Miss Eleanora Schmidt serves as president of the Senior League; Mrs. Irving Fackler is leader of the Intermediate League, of which Miss Doris Vergiels is president and Miss Martha Kallis is leader of the Junior League of which Miss Mary Jane Huston is president. The Misses Ethel Cowell and Evelyn Mieritz serve as missionary secretaries of the Senior and Intermediate Departments respectively. The Luther League of St. Matthew's is represented in the State organization by its pastor as president and its Senior Department treasurer, Miss Caroline Niebling as recording secretary, and in the Milwaukee District Luther League, Miss Ethel Cowell, of St. Matthew's, serves as recording secretary.

NEBRASKA

Omaha—The Hospice

The Hospice of the Luther League of Nebraska was opened on November 1, 1925. It is a boarding and rooming home for Lutheran young people who come to Omaha to work or study. See cover page of February Review.

The Hospice was made possible through a $1 per member quota for the members of the Luther League of Nebraska, $200 gift from the Mission Board of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska, $115 from the Women's Missionary Society of Nebraska, and numerous donations by individuals and Leagues among which was $215 raised in pledges at the last State League convention at Lincoln.

The Hospice is located in a beautiful residence in an excellent neighborhood and yet it is within walking distance of the heart of town. The Hospice is one block from one of the main street car lines that go directly to the railroad depots. It faces one of the smaller of Omaha's numer-

ous parks. In winter an ice skating rink is located in the park.

Beautiful furnishings were purchased for the home at wholesale through the courtesy of a number of Omaha business houses. The living room is furnished in wicker and tapestry furniture, piano, Victrola, with a fireplace and built-in book cases. Each of the bedrooms is furnished with two single beds, a walnut dresser and chairs. The bedrooms have large closets with full length mirrors on the doors.

The rates at the Hospice are very reasonable considering the general rates prevailing in Omaha, namely $7.50 to $9 per week for board and room. A devotional service is held each evening after supper. Readings from the Bible, prayer, and short talks on the Bible lesson either by the matron or by one of the residents are given.

The members of the board of directors of the Hospice are: Rev. George Dorn, Omaha, president; Rev. F. C. Schuldt, Fontenelle, vice-president; H. W. Fischer, Omaha, secretary; Albert Hedelund, Omaha, treasurer; Fred Weigman, Fremont, Lawrence Niebaum, Fontenelle, and Otto Schellberg, Omaha. Mrs. Richard E. Olsen is the matron.

"When in Omaha—stay at the Hospice."

NEW YORK

The Luther League at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, White Plains, has been very active in 1925. Among some of its accomplishments and deeds are the following:

At each meeting the members bring a small gift for the Wartburg Farm School at Mount Vernon. It is interesting to see the variety of useful articles that can be collected in this manner.

In March, 1925, the League presented to the church building fund the sum of $540 for the purchase of six pews and two pew screens in the new church. The League in May, 1924, had presented the building fund with $750.

$20 was recently contributed as the League's share to the Fred Heins Fund.

The Andhra Christian College quota is being raised.

The *Mirror* received from White Plains contributions of $5 whenever it is published.

The 1925 and 1926 reading courses have been purchased.

A mission box is used at each meeting, in which voluntary donations are deposited.

In September, 1925, when the American Legion Endowment Fund was being raised in the vicinity of White Plains, the president stated that he had been asked to announce that the American Legion of White Plains would be glad to receive a donation from the White Plains League. The sum of $17.30 was collected at this meeting in a very short time for this purpose.

Miss Anna Orth, chairman of the Westchester County Junior League, is a White Plains Luther Leaguer. She has charge of the White Plains Junior League, which is rapidly growing and which was the first Junior League to register, this having been done in January of this year.

Mrs. W. L. Wallender, of Greenwich, Conn., visited the League at a recent meeting. Mrs. Wallender is a former Deaconess. She outlined the work of a deaconess. Several of the young ladies of the League have become enthused with her talk and are seriously considering taking up the work.

A devotional service in charge of one of the members opens each meeting.

During part of the year 1925 entertainment was provided by the League being divided into four groups, each group arranging some stunt. The stunts were all splendid, depicting old-fashioned traveling actors and actresses, school-scene, one-act play entitled "The Canvassers and Mr. Brown," a radio broadcasting station, appropriately named Station WLLA—Luther League of America. It developed that there is ample theatrical talent in the League.

The latest project of the White Plains Luther League is the raising of money for an organ for the new church.

TRINITY, NEW ROCHELLE.—The League had nineteen new members during 1925.

Evening devotional services are held every Sunday and are very interesting and well attended.

The cup which was offered to the Boys' Champion Basket Ball Team of Westchester County was won by our team.

Three dinners were donated to needy families at Thanksgiving time.

Brooklyn and Long Island District, New York, held a Junior and Intermediate conference on November 21 at the Church of the Good Shepherd. The Revs. A. J. Traver and C. D. Trexler were the speakers, but the larger part of the program was in charge of the Juniors and Intermediates. A box supper, with songs and yells, was a feature. A banner was awarded the League with the largest attendance.

A rally service was held in St. Luke's, Brooklyn, the afternoon of January 24, at which the Andhra pageant was given. Mr. Manikam also spoke. His criticism of the second verse of the hymn, "From Greenland's Icy Mountains," gained great publicity and pastors all over America gave out newspaper interviews for and against his position. The following Sunday the New York District gave the pageant in Holy Trinity.

PENNSYLVANIA

UNION, YORK.—The Junior League has sent an envelope of most attractive invitations and hand-work. The leader writes, "we make invitations and use this handwork at each meeting, having the Juniors write memory verses and stories on them and then take them home. We held a September hike and a Hallowe'en Party. Four Juniors have completed the reading course and a number of others are reading it. We subscribe to *Everyland*. We advertise our meetings with posters and thus secure the parents' interest. A thankoffering meeting was held and gifts given to our Children's Home." Isn't that a busy group of Juniors?

Messiah, Wesleyville, Pa., writes, "Our Junior League is doing well. We had a Hallowe'en Party with fifty present. At our Reformation meeting we had pictures of Martin Luther. In November we gave the program 'The Juniors at Work.' We have started a Junior League library and put in to start the six books of the Junior reading course. We are helping to organize the Junior League at our Italian Mission in Erie. We will help the district secure five new Junior Leagues this year."

The Pittsburgh District is planning on a part-time worker. A good suggestion for other strong districts.

Harrisburg District reports a new Senior at St. Peter's, Highspire, and a new Junior at Shiremanstown.

Trinity, Mechanicsburg, held a reception for its young men and women home from college over the holidays on December 28. Rev. Swoope, of Trinity Lutheran, Camp Hill, was the main speaker. The evening was a huge success with nearly 150 present.

Memorial, Harrisburg, gave a play in the annex on January 19, at which time a large crowd turned out. This League held a "Taffy Pull" recently and sent the taffy, together with a number of other gifts, to the orphans in the Emaus Home, near Middletown.

JUNIOR MISSIONARY TOPIC

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AIM: To lead the boys and girls to realize that God in His love has made eternal laws to provide for our needs and has given us strength of mind and body to work with Him in answering our own prayers.

DISCUSSION AND HANDWORK PERIOD: Leaders should be ready to welcome the first members who arrive and to conduct helpful discussion or handwork. Posters and notebooks or scrapbooks may be made.

WORSHIP PERIOD: A hymn of serving. Recall Bible stories of wells, and comment on God's loving care in providing water for His children in all the lands of earth.—Gen. 26:21, 22, 23; Gen. 29:2; Ex. 15:27; II Chron. 26:10. Or tell a Bible story of Christ helping someone who helped himself. The man with the withered hand,—the man who took up his bed and walked. Prayer of thanksgiving for what God does for us: of petition that we may learn to do what we can for ourselves and for others.

OFFERING.

CONVERSATION PERIOD: Do you ever pray "Give us this day our daily bread"? Does God answer? How? Does He plow the fields and plant the wheat for us?

Whose part is it to plow and plant? Whose, to send sun and rain?

STORY PERIOD: Tell the story, "Digging for an Answer," from the book Brave Adventurers.

DISCUSSION PERIOD: If Mr. Paton had taken a bucket and sat down under a tree and prayed to God to send an angel from heaven to bring him water every day, would that have been a fair prayer? Is it fair to ask God to do for us what we can do for ourselves? Is it fair for people who have plenty to eat to pray to God to feed the hungry without sharing what they have? Does "Give us this day our daily bread" suggest that *I* share *my* daily bread with others?

Discuss whether Mr. Paton's name is worthy of a place in the Brave Adventurers Roll. (See pages 11 and 15 of the booklet—How to Use Brave Adventurers.) If the group vote that it is worthy, add his name.

MEMORY PERIOD: Recite the verses on the Memory chain and add a new quotation. (See p. 10, how to use Brave Adventurers.)

HANDWORK PERIOD: Plasteline may be used to make a small model of Paton's Well, each member making several coral stones to be put in place by the leaders or an older girl or boy. Small pieces of reed and a wooden button would well give finishing touches. (*See pattern in "How to Use Brave Adventurers."*) The finished model may be displayed at an adult meeting and the story, Digging for an Answer, told by one of the boys or girls.

PREPARATION FOR NEXT LESSON: Plan for making and displaying poster on next chapter. Appoint Committee to find new flags to be added to the display. Collect pictures that are in anyway connected with the story of the haystack and the sailing of the first missionaries, or the work of the American Bible Society. Write to the American Bible Society, Bible House, Astor Place, New York City for two copies of the free leaflet "What Is a Colporteur?" Cut from this leaflet the pictures showing how the Bible is being taken into all the world and make them into a chart.

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